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From the feedback I've received concerning issue #13, most of you were very happy about the "new" format so things will stay pretty much the same. A good number of comments specifically mentioned their satisfaction with the "language lab" so we may expand on it a bit in future issues. Lots of good stuff in store for you BASIC, FOCAL and TINY BASIC users. Thanks to all of you who responded to my questions on modifying BASIC to skip the initialization messages. As you will soon know, that question and many others will be answered in this issue's BASIC column. Also, thanks to Dick Grabowski of HDE and Bob Kurtz of Micro-Z, we now have a new command for BASIC.

A number of you have been asking for some terminal-oriented software so we have modified the original APPLE disassembler for the KIM. You'll need more memory, but if you have a terminal you're finding that out anyway.

Those of you with hard copy will no doubt enjoy the BANNER program. The present character set is designed for a 40 column printer but can easily (?) be re-designed for wider terminal widths. When you do come up with a new character set, send it in so the rest of us can enjoy it. Send it in on a cassette to make life easier for us and we'll publish it and/or offer it on cassette, depending on its design. There's enough info in the article to enable you to design your own character set and further info can be gotten from the Kilobaud article.

#### SUBMITTING ARTICLES

Since all articles will be retyped they need only be readable. Typing it would, of course, guarantee readability. Program listings, on the other hand, may not be retyped so, if at all possible, use white paper and a fresh ribbon on your printer. If there's no way you can generate an original source listing, then a handwritten source listing with MOS mnemonics, and labels of up to six characters, (don't forget to use labels when referencing zero page locations) will be satisfactory. Comments should be preceded by a semi-colon.

This will make it easy for me to assemble your program for publication. Disassembler output is not very satisfactory except when heavily commented, labeled and all zero page registers identified by name.

Perhaps the best way to submit program source listings would be to send a cassette of the assembler source file and I can then assemble it and run a listing on my Decwriter. I can assemble source files from either the Micro-ade assembler (Peter Jennings) or the MOS/ARESCO/HDE assemblers. If you send a S.A.S.E., I'll return your cassettes. It would be wise to dump two copies of the file to cassette just in case.

I can read most of the Hypertape-recorded cassettes I receive once I adjust the azimuth of the cassette head for the highest audio level while reading the program. I think this head adjustment problem has probably accounted for most of the tape interchange problems I've been aware of. The machines I use to make the newsletter cassettes have been adjusted as close as possible and 30 seconds of synch characters precede the program for setting up your equipment. So far, we have not had any cassettes returned, so we must be doing something right.

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Those of you who have been around this industry for awhile know by now that just 'cuz something advertised doesn't mean that it really exists.

I am very interested in hearing about your experiences with any of the advertisers in USER NOTES.

When purchasing hardware or software, it makes a lot of sense to purchase the documentation ahead of time to see what you're getting into. The quality of documentation can, prove to be a good indicator of the company's performance in other areas pertaining to that product.

On the other hand, do be reasonable. Don't expect a 60 page manual to accompany a \$5 or \$10 software package. I'm really referring to products of medium or high complexity such as some Assemblers or high-level languages, floppy-disc drives, prom programmers, video boards etc.

For instance, are there detailed instructions for getting the product running on your system? Does the product need some non-standard hardware or software? Are there enough examples to make operation fairly straightforward? What if you have problems? Are there some trouble shooting hints in the manual? How 'bout a phone number to call if you have problems which you can't handle? For items which may cost from several hundred to several thousand dollars, it would be a good idea to call the company with some real or made-up questions just to see what kind of response you get.

Are you treated courteously? Do you get connected to someone who can answer your question? (If the right person doesn't happen to be in the office when you call, don't expect them to return a long distance call.)

It can get pretty lonesome out there when you've got a product that isn't performing and a company that ignores you. It's better to find out in advance how a company treats its customers. If something breaks, how will they back you up?

When you shop around for something big (like a floppy, for example) you should understand that price alone should not be THE determining factor. Other things to consider include: What kind of software comes with it? Will it interface easily with the particular high-level language I will want to use? What kinds of software can be used with it-any optional packages from the manufacturer? Can I interface the floppy system easily to some non-standard hardware I may want to add? How easy will it be to incorporate some improved software which gets released at a later date from the manufacturer?

(RAM based software that is brought in by means of a simple bootstrap program is generally much easier to upgrade than a ROM based operating system). Can the system software be backed-up on an extra disc? What will the manufacturer be offering in the next year or so? Do his plans sound reasonable? What else has he done? Past performance generally indicates future performance. If you're looking for the "cheapest" product-keep in mind that the manufacturer of the "cheapest" product probably can't afford to support his product next year. **INVESTIGATE FULLY BEFORE YOU BUY!!!!!!**

#### KIMSI USERS

Apparently Forethought Products, makers of KIMSI, have given up any plans to put out a newsletter of KIMSI information. I know there are a lot of you out there so how 'bout if we have a section of USER NOTES just for you?

# SOFTWARE FEATURES

KIM-1 BANNER

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If your KIM, SYM, or AIM system is hooked up to a printer or teletype get ready to have some fun! In the January 1979 issue of Kilobaud there was an article on page 64 called "Say it with Banner". This program prints out giant characters on your printer. There were three problems with the program:

1. It is written in 8080 code.
2. It uses octal notation.
3. It uses almost 8K of memory.

I took the general concept of printing large characters and wrote an original program that has the following features:

1. Written in 6502 code.
2. I/O independent.
3. Uses HEX notation.
4. Only uses 2K of memory.
5. Relocatable data tables.
6. Easy user modification of character sets.

Let's talk about the I/O configuration first. Location 2004 and 2005 defines the Input character routine location for your system. If your terminal echos your input change 2003 to 4C. The character output routine location for your system is defined by locations 2007 and 2008. Your output routine must do the following:

1. Provide a line feed if necessary.
2. Provide null characters if necessary.
3. Must preserve the X, Y, and accumulator registers.

Text can be stored anywhere in memory and is defined by locations 200C and 200D. The text string can be as long as you want as long as you don't run out of memory. The data tables can be stored anywhere in memory as long as the starting address of the tables is stored in 2009 and 200A. SYM users will want to store the tables right after the program. The print character is defined in location 200B. Use the HEX equivalent of the ASCII character you want. The program is set up to use an @. I will explain later on how to make up your own characters or modify some of the ones I made up. To use the program start at 2000 and GO. You will see a prompt (>>). Type in the text you want

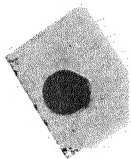
printed out. The program treats a carriage return as a space so take note. You terminate the text input with an @. If you typed in all valid characters you will see "o k" printed. Get your paper ready and type a carriage return to start the printing. If you type an illegal character you will see "@" with the illegal characters sandwiched between the @ and the . Retype the text using only legal characters. At the end of the printout the program will prompt for more text. The legal characters are A thru Z, 0 thru 9, space, c/r, and the following characters: \* . - + : ! ; ? \$ , . My characters are 10 rows by 35 columns. Obviously this is too big for the AIM printer. Don't worry, you can make up your own character set to work on the AIM. To create your own character set just follow these simple rules:

1. Always store ff at the end of the tables.
2. The first BYTE should be the HEX equivalent of the ASCII character.
3. The second BYTE should be the HEX number of data Bytes.
4. Carriage returns are defined by EE.
5. Store the configuration of the character in a serial manner.
6. A "print spaces" data Byte is defined by Bit 7 being set to zero and Bits 0 thru 6 set to the number of spaces you want printed. Example: 07 would print 7 spaces.
7. To print a mark (or a character) set Bit 7 to one and Bits 0 thru 6 set to the number of marks. Example: 87 would print 7 @'s.

Maybe this will help you understand a little better. In order to print an "1" (one) that is 15 columns by 7 rows wide, just put this in the tables: 31 0A EE EE 8F EE 8F EE 8F EE EE EE. The 31 is the HEX equivalent of ASCII character one. The 0A is the number of data Bytes. Then I print 2 carriage returns, 3 rows of 15 characters and 2 more carriage returns. Hope you enjoy this program. If you want to modify any of my characters you can find their location by storing the character in 0004, then call the find character subroutine. The character's location plus 2 will be stored in 0000 and 0001.

```
0010 2000      #KIM-1 BANNER PROGRAM
0015 2000      #WRITTEN BY JIM ZUBER 12/23/78
0020 2000
0025 2000      **=$0
0030 0000      PNTL **=$+1
0035 0001      PNTH **=$+1
0040 0002      BUF1 **=$+1
0045 0003      BUF2 **=$+1
0050 0004      TEMP **=$+1
0055 0005      TEMPX **=$+1
0060 0006      TEMPY **=$+1
0065 0007
0070 0007      #KIM I/O
0075 0007      GETCH **=$1E5A
0080 0007      OUTCH **=$1EA0
0085 0007      CRLF **=$1E2F
0090 0007
0095 0007      EOS **=$40      #END OF STRING CHAR
0100 0007
0105 0007      **=$2000
0110 2000 4C 0E 20  STAR  JMP OVER
0115 2003 4C 2C 21  INV   JMP INPT      #INPUT ROUTINE
0120 2006 4C 34 21  OUTV  JMP OUTC      #OUT VECTOR
0125 2009 00       TBLL  .BYTE $00      #TABLE LOW
0130 200A 30       TBLH  .BYTE $20 22   #TABLE HIGH
0135 200B 40       PRCH  .BYTE $40      #PRINT CHAR
0140 200C 00       BUFL  .BYTE $00 50   #BUFFER LOW
0145 200D 40       BUHF  .BYTE $40 21   #BUFFER HIGH
0150 200E
0155 200E DB       OVER  CLD
0160 200F A0 00    LDY  $0
0165 2011 20 FA 20 JSR  INTB      #INPUT TEXT
0170 2014 A9 3E    LDA  #'>      #PROMPT CHAR
0175 2016 20 06 20 JSR  OUTV
0180 2019 20 06 20 JSR  OUTV
0185 201C A9 0D    LDA  $0D      #SEND A CR
0190 201E 20 06 20 JSR  OUTV
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0655	20F0	20 1E 21	OUT1	JSR INCP	#LOOK AT DATA
0660	20F3	B1 00		LDA (PNTL),Y	
0665	20F5	AA		TAX	#BYTE IN X
0670	20F6	20 1E 21		JSR INCP	
0675	20F9	60		RTS	
0680	20FA				
0685	20FA	AD 0C 20	INTB	LDA BUFL	#INITIALIZE
0690	20FD	85 02		STA BUF1	#BUFFER SUB
0695	20FF	AD 0D 20		LDA BUFL	
0700	2102	85 03		STA BUF2	
0705	2104	60		RTS	
0710	2105				
0715	2105	AD 09 20	INTP	LDA TBL	#INITIALIZE
0720	2108	85 00		STA PNTL	#POINTER SUB
0725	210A	AD 0A 20		LDA TBLH	
0730	210D	85 01		STA PNTH	
0735	210F	60		RTS	
0740	2110				
0745	2110	18	INCB	CLC	#INCREMENT
0750	2111	A5 02		LDA BUF1	#BUFFER SUB
0755	2113	69 01		ADC #1	
0760	2115	85 02		STA BUF1	
0765	2117	A5 03		LDA BUF2	
0770	2119	69 00		ADC #0	
0775	211B	85 03		STA BUF2	
0780	211D	60		RTS	
0785	211E				
0790	211E	18	INCP	CLC	#INCREMENT
0795	211F	A5 00		LDA PNTL	
0800	2121	69 01		ADC #1	#POINTER SUB
0805	2123	85 00		STA PNTL	
0810	2125	A5 01		LDA PNTH	
0815	2127	69 00		ADC #0	
0820	2129	85 01		STA PNTH	
0825	212B	60		RTS	
0830	212C				
0835	212C	84 06	INPT	STY TEMPY	#SAVE Y
0840	212E	20 5A 1E		JSR GETCH	#GET A CHAR
0845	2131	A4 06		LDY TEMPY	
0850	2133	60		RTS	
0855	2134				
0860	2134	48	OUTC	PHA	#SAVE CHAR
0865	2135	86 05		STX TEMPX	#AND X AND Y
0870	2137	84 06		STY TEMPY	
0875	2139	C9 0D		CMP #0D	#IS IT A C/R?
0880	213B	D0 06		BNE CONT	
0885	213D	20 2F 1E		JSR CRLF	
0890	2140	4C 46 21		JMP RESTOR	#GET BACK THE REGS AND RETURN
0895	2143	20 A0 1E	CONT	JSR OUTCH	#OTHERWISE USE KIM OUTPUT.
0900	2146	A6 05	RESTOR	LDX TEMPX	
0905	2148	A4 06		LDY TEMPY	
0910	214A	68		PLA	#RETORE THE ACC.
0915	214B	60		RTS	#AND RETURN
0920	214C		FINISH	.END	

2200	20 07 EE EE EE EE EE EE EE EE	41 20 A3 EE A3 EE A3	2400	84 EE 84 1B 84 EE A3 EE A3 EE	50 23 A3 EE A3 EE
2210	EE 0F 85 0A 85 EE 0F 85 0A 85 EE	0F 85 0A 85 EE 0F 85 0A 85 EE	2410	A3 EE 11 85 08 85 EE 11 85 08 85 EE	11 85 08 85 EE
2220	0F 85 0A 85 EE A3 EE A3 EE A3 EE	A3 EE A3 EE A3 EE A3 EE A3 EE	2420	EE 11 85 08 85 EE 11 92 EE 11 92 EE	11 92 EE 11 92 EE
2230	EE A3 EE 85 0A 85 0A 85 EE 85 0A 85 0A 85 EE	85 0A 85 0A 85 EE 85	2430	20 A3 EE A3 EE 84 1B 84 EE 84 1B 84 EE	84 1B 84 EE 84 1B 84
2240	0A 85 0A 85 EE 85 0A 85 0A 85 EE 01 A1 EE 03 8D	01 A1 EE 03 8D	2440	EE 84 02 84 15 84 EE A3 EE A3 EE	04 84 EE 02 84
2250	03 8D EE 04 8B 05 8B EE 43 22 A3 EE A3 EE A3 EE	43 22 A3 EE A3 EE A3 EE	2450	EE 52 21 A3 EE A3 EE A3 EE 11 85 08 85 EE	11 85 08 85 EE 11 85
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2340	19 85 EE A3 EE A3 EE A3 EE 85 19 85 EE 85 19 85	85 19 85	2540	15 86 EE 59 1C 1A 89 EE 17 88 EE 14 86 EE 12 85	14 86 EE 12 85
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3490 EE 85 08 85 0C 85 EE 92 0C 85 EE 92 0C 85 EE 92  
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34B0 EE 1E 85 EE 1E 85 EE 1E 85 EE A3 EE A3 EE A3 EE  
34C0 38 24 A3 EE A3 EE A3 EE 85 0A 85 0A 85 EE 85 0A  
34D0 85 0A 85 EE 85 0A 85 0A 85 EE 85 0A 85 0A 85 EE  
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36C0 47 5D 44 01 76 23 04 61 47 D3 02 01 82 3E 00 00  
36D0 97 F6 12 A0 F7 D7 40 00 97 6C 82 40 E7 F6 00 8B  
36E0 B7 64 44 21 BA 0E 02 01 0F FD 00 01 A9 C1 00 00  
36F0 FF FE 06 C0 76 F5 C6 D0 FF D6 00 40 A7 FC 42 60  
28F0

EDITORS NOTE: The disassembler program was originally written for the Apple and appeared in Doctor Dobbs Journal (Sept 76). It has been modified for KIM by Bob Kurtz and your editor. Bob Kurtz wrote the article.

#### KIM-1 "DISASSEMBLER" PROGRAM

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#### PRELIMINARY:

The purpose of the disassembler is to take any program that has been entered into memory in the KIM-1, and to print-out an "object" code and a "source" code listing of this program - to permit analysis and modification, if desired. In a sense, it takes a completed program and reconstructs the assembly language format - or "disassembles" the program.

The following is a sample of the print-out format:

Address	Object Code	Source Code
23BC-	E8	INY
23BD-	A9 53	LDA #53
23BF-	85 01	STA 01
23C1	91 7E	STA (7E),Y
23C3-	4C 64 1C	JMP 1C64

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0020 2000      ;DISASSEMBLER PROGRAM FOR THE 6502
0030 2000      ;WRITTEN BY STEVE WOZNAK & ALLEN BAUM
0040 2000      ;AND PUBLISHED IN DOCTOR DOBBS JOURNAL
0050 2000      ;SEPT 1976
0060 2000      ;
0070 2000      ;
0072 0000      PCL      **=*+1
0073 0001      PCH      **=*+1
0075 0002      COUNT   **=*+1
0080 0003      FORMAT   **=*+1
0090 0004      LENGTH   **=*+1
0100 0005      LMNEM    **=*+1
0110 0006      RMNEM    **=*+1
0142 0007      YSAVE    **=*+1
0150 0008      ;
0160 0008      ;KIM I/O TO FOLLOW
0170 0008      PRTBYT   =*1E3B
0180 0008      OUTCH    =*1EA0
0190 0008      CRLF     =*1E2F
0191 0008      CLEAR    =*1C64
0192 0008      OUTSP    =*1E9E
0200 0008      ;
0210 0008      **=$2000
0211 2000      START   JSR  DSMBL
0212 2003      20 9E 1E JSR  OUTSP
0213 2006      20 9E 1E JSR  OUTSP
0214 2009      20 9E 1E JSR  OUTSP
0215 200C      4C 64 1C JMP  CLEAR
0220 200F      A9 0D     DSMBL LDA #13
0230 2011      85 02     STA  COUNT

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The Address and Object Code columns are the standard listings for the program under scrutiny. You will notice that the disassembler has arranged the code listing by one, two, or three byte commands and has printed the address column accordingly.

The Source Code columns contain the MOS Technology 650X Mnemonic abbreviations for the command - and the Operand listing. The following is an explanation of the address mode for the various operands:

Operand	Address Mode
blank	Accumulator, Implied
#53	Immediate
01	Zero Page
01,X 01,Y	Zero Page, indexed by X or Y
(7E),Y	Indirect Indexed
(7E,X)	Indexed Indirect
1C64	Absolute of Branch
(1C64)	Indirect
1C64,X	Absolute (indexed by X)
1C64,Y	Absolute (indexed by Y)

#### PROCEDURE:

1. Load the starting address of the program to be disassembled into locations 0000 (Low byte) and 0001 (High byte).
2. Go to location 2000
3. Press "C" on terminal

The "disassembler" will now print-out the first 13 commands of the program under scrutiny. At the end of this print-out, simply press "C" again and the next 13 commands will be printed out. Continuing to press "C" whenever the program stops, will step you through the entire program under investigation.

The program stops after each 13 commands. If you wish to modify this, change the byte in location 2010 from \$0D (13 decimal) to any number up to \$FF (256 decimal).

If portions of the disassembled program do not appear to make sense, these may be "look-up" tables within the program. As an example, the disassembler can be used to "disassemble" the disassembler program! Addresses \$2000 to \$211A will print out properly since these contain the body of the program commands. However, locations \$211B to \$21F9 contain the tables for all the mnemonics and symbols and will print-out gibberish.

0240	2013	20	21	20	DSMBL2	JSR INSTDS	#DISASSEMBLE AND DISPLAY INSTR.
0250	2016	20	FC	20		JSR PCADJ	
0260	2019	85	00			STA PCL	#UPDATE PCL,H TO NEXT INSTR.
0270	2018	84	01			STY PCH	
0280	201D	C6	02			DEC COUNT	#DONE FIRST 19 INSTR?
0290	201F	D0	F2			BNE DSMBL2	#YES, LOOP, ELSE DSMBL 20TH.
0300	2021	20	E2	20	INSTDS	JSR PRPC	#PRINT PCL,H
0310	2024	A1	00			LDA (PCL,X)	#GET OPCODE
0320	2026	A8				TAY	
0330	2027	4A				LSR A	#EVEN/ODD TEST
0340	2028	90	0B			BCC IEVEN	
0350	202A	4A				LSR A	#TEST BIT 1.
0360	202B	B0	17			BCS ERR	#XXXXXX11 INSTR. INVALID.
0370	202D	C9	22			CMF ##22	
0380	202F	F0	13			BEQ ERR	#10001001 INSTR. INVALID.
0390	2031	29	07			AND ##7	#MASK 3 BITS FOR ADDRESS MODE &
0400	2033	09	80			ORA ##80	#ADD INDEXING OFFSET.
0410	2035	4A			IEVEN	LSR A	#LSB INTO CARRY FOR
0420	2036	AA				TAX	#LEFT/RIGHT TEST BELOW.
0430	2037	BD	1B	21		LDA MODE,X	#INDEX INTO ADDRESS MODE TABLE.
0440	203A	B0	04			BCS RTMODE	#IF CARRY SET USE LSD FOR
0450	203C	4A				LSR A	#PRINT FORMAT INDEX
0460	203D	4A				LSR A	
0470	203E	4A				LSR A	#IF CARRY CLEAR USE MSD.
0480	203F	4A				LSR A	
0490	2040	29	0F		RTMODE	AND ##F	#MASK FOR 4-BIT INDEX.
0500	2042	D0	04			BNE GETFMT	#0 FOR INVALID OP CODES.
0510	2044	A0	80		ERR	LDY ##80	#SUBSTITUTE 80 FOR INVALID OP,
0520	2046	A9	00			LDA ##0	#SET PRINT FORMAT INDEX TO 0
0530	2048	AA			GETFMT	TAX	
0540	2049	BD	5F	21		LDA MODE2,X	#INDEX INTO PRINT FORMAT TABLE.
0550	204C	85	03			STA FORMAT	#SAVE FOR ADDRESS FIELD FORMAT.
0560	204E	29	03			AND ##3	#MASK 2-BIT LENGTH, 0=1-BYTE
0570	2050	85	04			STA LENGTH	#1=2-BYTE, 2=3-BYTE.
0580	2052	98				TYA	#OP CODE.
0590	2053	29	8F			AND ##8F	#MASK IT FOR 1XXX1010 TEST.
0600	2055	AA				TAX	#SAVE IT.
0610	2056	98				TYA	#OP CODE TO 'A' AGAIN.
0620	2057	A0	03			LDY ##3	
0630	2059	E0	8A			CPX ##8A	
0640	205B	F0	0B			BEQ MNNDX3	
0650	205D	4A			MNNDX1	LSR A	#FORM INDEX INTO MNEMONIC TABLE.
0660	205E	90	0B			BCC MNNDX3	
0670	2060	4A				LSR A	
0680	2061	4A			MNNDX2	LSR A	#1XXX1010 -> 00101XXX
0690	2062	09	20			ORA ##20	#XXXXYY01 -> 00111XXX
0700	2064	88				DEY	#XXXXYY10 -> 00110XXX
0710	2065	D0	FA			BNE MNNDX2	#XXXXYY100 -> 00100XXX
0720	2067	C8				INY	#XXXXXX00 -> 000XXXXX
0730	2068	88			MNNDX3	DEY	
0740	2069	D0	F2			BNE MNNDX1	
0750	206B	48				PHA	#SAVE MNEMONIC TABLE INDEX.
0760	206C	B1	00		PROP	LDA (PCL),Y	
0770	206E	20	13	21		JSR PRBYT	
0780	2071	A2	01			LDX ##1	
0790	2073	20	F3	20	PROPBL	JSR PRBL2	#PRINT INSTR (1 TO 3 BYTES)
0800	2076	C4	04			CPY LENGTH	#IN A 12 CHARACTER FIELD.
0810	2078	C8				INY	
0820	2079	90	F1			BCC PROP	#CHAR COUNT FOR MNEMONIC PRINT.
0830	207B	A2	03			LDX ##3	
0840	207D	C0	04			CPY ##4	
0850	207F	90	F2			BCC PROPBL	#RECOVER MNEMONIC INDEX.
0860	2081	48				PLA	
0870	2082	A8				TAY	
0880	2083	B9	79	21		LDA MNEML,Y	#FETCH 3-CHAR MNEMONIC
0890	2086	85	05			STA LMNEM	#(PACKED IN TWO BYTES)
0900	2088	B9	B9	21		LDA MNEMR,Y	
0910	208B	85	06			STA RMNEM	
0920	208D	A9	00		PRMN1	LDA ##0	
0930	208F	A0	05			LDY ##5	
0940	2091	06	06		PRMN2	ASL RMNEM	#SHIFT 5 BITS OF CHAR INTO 'A'.
0950	2093	26	05			ROL LMNEM	#(CLEAR CARRY)
0960	2095	2A				ROL A	
0970	2096	88				DEY	
0980	2097	D0	F8			BNE PRMN2	
0990	2099	69	3F			ADC ##3F	#ADD '?' OFFSET.
1000	209B	20	0B	21		JSR OUTC	#OUTPUT A CHAR OR MNEMONIC
1010	209E	CA				DEX	
1020	209F	D0	EC			BNE PRMN1	
1030	20A1	20	F1	20		JSR PRBLNK	#OUTPUT 3 BLANKS.
1040	20A4	A2	06			LDX ##6	#COUNT FOR 6 PRINT FORMAT BITS.
1050	20A6	E0	03		PRADR1	CPX ##3	
1060	20A8	D0	12			BNE PRADR3	#IF X=3 THEN PRINT ADDRESS VAL.
1070	20AA	A4	04			LDY LENGTH	
1080	20AC	F0	0E			BEQ PRADR3	#NO PRINT IF LENGTH=0.
1090	20AE	A5	03		PRADR2	LDA FORMAT	
1100	20B0	C9	E8			CMF ##E8	#HANDLE REL ADDRESSING MODE
1110	20B2	B1	00			LDA (PCL),Y	#SPECIAL (PRINT TARGET ADDR)
1120	20B4	B0	1C			BCS RELADR	#(NOT DISPLACEMENT)
1130	20B6	20	13	21		JSR PRBYT	#OUTPUT 1- OR 2- BYTE ADDRESS.
1140	20B9	88				DEY	#MORE SIGNIFICANT BYTE FIRST.
1150	20BA	D0	F2			BNE PRADR2	

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1160 208C 06 03 PRADR3 ASL FORMAT #TEST NEXT PRINT FORMAT BIT.
1170 20BE 90 0E BCC PRADR4 #IF 0, DONT PRINT
1180 20C0 BD 6C 21 LDA CHAR1-1,X #CORRESPONDING CHAR.
1190 20C3 20 0B 21 JSR OUTC #OUTPUT 1 OR 2 CHARS.
1200 20C6 BD 72 21 LDA CHAR2-1,X #((IF CHAR FROM CHAR2 IS 0,
1210 20C9 F0 03 BEQ PRADR4 #DON'T PRINT IT)
1220 20CB 20 0B 21 JSR OUTC
1230 20CE CA PRADR4 DEX
1240 20CF D0 D5 BNE PRADR1
1250 20D1 60 RTS #RETURN IF DONE 6 FORMAT BITS.
1260 20D2 20 FF 20 RELADR JSR PCADJ3 #PCL,H + DISPL + 1 TO 'A','Y'.
1270 20D5 AA TAX
1280 20D6 EB INX
1290 20D7 D0 01 BNE PRNTYX # +1 TO 'X','Y'.
1300 20D9 C8 INY
1310 20DA 98 PRNTYX TYA
1320 20DB 20 13 21 PRNTAX JSR PRBYT #PRINT TARGET ADDRESS OF BRANCH
1330 20DE 8A PRNTX TXA #AND RETURN
1340 20DF 4C 13 21 JMP PRBYT
1350 20E2 20 2F 1E PRPC JSR CRLF #OUTPUT CARRIAGE RETURN.
1360 20E5 A5 01 LDA PCH
1370 20E7 A6 00 LDX PCL
1380 20E9 20 DB 20 JSR PRNTAX #OUTPUT PCL,H
1390 20EC A9 2D LDA #'-
1400 20EE 20 0B 21 JSR OUTC #OUTPUT '-'
1410 20F1 A2 03 PRBLNK LDX ##3 #BLANK COUNT
1420 20F3 A9 20 PRBL2 LDA #'
1430 20F5 20 0B 21 PRBL3 JSR OUTC #OUTPUT A BLANK
1440 20F8 CA DEX
1450 20F9 D0 F8 BNE PRBL2 #LOOP UNTIL COUNT =0
1460 20FB 60 RTS
1470 20FC A5 04 PCADJ LDA LENGTH #0=1-BYTE, 1=2-BYTE, 2=3-BYTE.
1480 20FE 3B PCADJ2 SEC
1490 20FF A4 01 PCADJ3 LDY PCH
1500 2101 AA TAX #TEST DISPL SIGN (FOR REL
1510 2102 10 01 BPL PCADJ4 #BRANCH). EXTEND NEG
1520 2104 88 DEY #BY DECREMENTING PCH.
1530 2105 65 00 PCADJ4 ADC PCL
1540 2107 90 01 BCC RTS1 #PCL+LENGTH (OR DISPL) +1 TO 'A'.
1550 2109 C8 INY #CARRY INTO 'Y' (PCH)
1560 210A 60 RTS1 RTS
1561 210B 84 07 OUTC STY YSAVE
1562 210D 20 A0 1E JSR OUTCH
1563 2110 A4 07 LDY YSAVE
1564 2112 60 RTS
1565 2113 84 07 PRBYT STY YSAVE
1566 2115 20 3B 1E JSR PRBYT
1567 2118 A4 07 LDY YSAVE
1568 211A 60 RTS
1570 211B ;
1580 211B ;
1590 211B ;THE TABLES FOLLOW---
1600 211B ;
1610 211B 40 MODE .BYTE $40,$2,$45,$3,$D0,$8,$40,$9,$30
1610 211C 02
1610 211D 45
1610 211E 03
1610 211F D0
1610 2120 08
1610 2121 40
1610 2122 09
1610 2123 30
1620 2124 ;XXXXXXXX0 INSTRUCTIONS.
1630 2124 22 .BYTE $22,$45,$33,$D0,$8,$40,$9,$40,$2,$45
1630 2125 45
1630 2126 33
1630 2127 D0
1630 2128 08
1630 2129 40
1630 212A 09
1630 212B 40
1630 212C 02
1630 212D 45
1640 212E ;Z=0, LEFT HALF BYTE
1650 212E ;Z=1, RIGHT HALF BYTE
1660 212E 33 .BYTE $33,$D0,$8,$40,$9,$40,$2,$45,$B3,$D0
1660 212F D0
1660 2130 08
1660 2131 40
1660 2132 09
1660 2133 40
1660 2134 02
1660 2135 45
1660 2136 B3
1660 2137 D0
1670 2138 08 .BYTE $8,$40,$9,$0,$22,$44,$33,$D0,$8C,$44
1670 2139 40
1670 213A 09
1670 213B 00
1670 213C 22
1670 213D 44
1670 213E 33
1670 213F D0
1670 2140 8C
1670 2141 44

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1680 2142 00 .BYTE $0,$11,$22,$44,$33,$D0,$8C,$44,$9A,$10
1680 2143 11
1680 2144 22
1680 2145 44
1680 2146 33
1680 2147 D0
1680 2148 8C
1680 2149 44
1680 214A 9A
1680 214B 10
1690 214C 22 .BYTE $22,$44,$33,$D0,$B,$40,$9,$10,$22,$44
1690 214D 44
1690 214E 33
1690 214F D0
1690 2150 08
1690 2151 40
1690 2152 09
1690 2153 10
1690 2154 22
1690 2155 44
1700 2156 33 .BYTE $33,$D0,$B,$40,$9,$62
1700 2157 D0
1700 2158 08
1700 2159 40
1700 215A 09
1700 215B 62
1710 215C .
;YYYYXXZ01 INSTRUCTIONS
1720 215C 13 .BYTE $13,$78,$A9
1720 215D 78
1720 215E A9
1730 215F 00
1740 2160 21
1750 2161 01
1760 2162 02
1770 2163 00
1780 2164 80
1790 2165 59
1800 2166 4D
1810 2167 11
1820 2168 12
1830 2169 06
1840 216A 4A
1850 216B 05
1860 216C 1D
1870 216D 2C
1870 216E 29
1870 216F 2C
1870 2170 23
1870 2171 28
1870 2172 41
1890 2173 59
1890 2174 00
1890 2175 58
1890 2176 00
1890 2177 00
1890 2178 00
1900 2179
;XXXXXX000 INSTRUCTIONS
1910 2179 1C MNEML .BYTE $1C,$8A,$1C,$23,$5D,$8B,$1B,$A1,$9D
1910 217A 8A
1910 217B 1C
1910 217C 23
1910 217D 5D
1910 217E 8B
1910 217F 1B
1910 2180 A1
1910 2181 9D
1920 2182 8A .BYTE $8A,$1D,$23,$9D,$8B,$1D,$A1,$0,$29,$19
1920 2183 1D
1920 2184 23
1920 2185 9D
1920 2186 8B
1920 2187 1D
1920 2188 A1
1920 2189 00
1920 218A 29
1920 218B 19
1930 218C AE .BYTE $AE,$69,$AB,$19,$23,$24,$53,$1B,$23
1930 218D 69
1930 218E AB
1930 218F 19
1930 2190 23
1930 2191 24
1930 2192 53
1930 2193 1B
1930 2194 23
1940 2195 24 .BYTE $24,$53,$19,$A1,$0
1940 2196 53
1940 2197 19
1940 2198 A1
1940 2199 00

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1950	219A		#XXXXYY100 INSTRUCTIONS.
1960	219A	1A	.BYTE \$1A,\$5B,\$5B,\$A5,\$69,\$24,\$24
1960	219B	5B	
1960	219C	5B	
1960	219D	A5	
1960	219E	69	
1960	219F	24	
1960	21A0	24	
1962	21A1		#1XXX1010 INSTRUCTIONS
1963	21A1	AE	.BYTE \$AE,\$AE,\$AB,\$AD,\$29,\$0,\$7C,\$0
1963	21A2	AE	
1963	21A3	AB	
1963	21A4	AD	
1963	21A5	29	
1963	21A6	00	
1963	21A7	7C	
1963	21A8	00	
1964	21A9		#XXXXYY10 INSTRUCTIONS
1965	21A9	15	.BYTE \$15,\$9C,\$6D,\$9C,\$A5,\$69,\$29,\$53
1965	21AA	9C	
1965	21AB	6D	
1965	21AC	9C	
1965	21AD	A5	
1965	21AE	69	
1965	21AF	29	
1965	21B0	53	
1970	21B1		#XXXXYY01 INSTRUCTIONS.
1980	21B1	84	.BYTE \$84,\$13,\$34,\$11,\$A5,\$69,\$23,\$A0
1980	21B2	13	
1980	21B3	34	
1980	21B4	11	
1980	21B5	A5	
1980	21B6	69	
1980	21B7	23	
1980	21B8	A0	
1990	21B9		#XXXXXX000 INSTRUCTIONS.
2000	21B9	D8	MNEMR .BYTE \$D8,\$62,\$5A,\$48,\$26,\$62,\$94,\$88
2000	21BA	62	
2000	21BB	5A	
2000	21BC	48	
2000	21BD	26	
2000	21BE	62	
2000	21BF	94	
2000	21C0	88	
2010	21C1	54	.BYTE \$54,\$44,\$C8,\$54,\$68,\$44,\$E8,\$94,\$0,\$B4
2010	21C2	44	
2010	21C3	C8	
2010	21C4	54	
2010	21C5	68	
2010	21C6	44	
2010	21C7	E8	
2010	21C8	94	
2010	21C9	00	
2010	21CA	B4	
2020	21CB	08	.BYTE \$8,\$B4,\$74,\$B4,\$28,\$6E,\$74,\$F4,\$CC,\$4A
2020	21CC	84	
2020	21CD	74	
2020	21CE	B4	
2020	21CF	28	
2020	21D0	6E	
2020	21D1	74	
2020	21D2	F4	
2020	21D3	CC	
2020	21D4	4A	
2030	21D5	72	.BYTE \$72,\$F2,\$A4,\$8A
2030	21D6	F2	
2030	21D7	A4	
2030	21D8	8A	
2040	21D9		#XXXXYY100 INSTRUCTIONS.
2050	21D9	00	.BYTE \$0,\$AA,\$A2,\$A2,\$74,\$74,\$74,\$72
2050	21DA	AA	
2050	21DB	A2	
2050	21DC	A2	
2050	21DD	74	
2050	21DE	74	
2050	21DF	74	
2050	21E0	72	
2060	21E1		#1XXX1010 INSTRUCTIONS.
2070	21E1	44	.BYTE \$44,\$68,\$B2,\$32,\$B2,\$0,\$22,\$0
2070	21E2	68	
2070	21E3	B2	
2070	21E4	32	
2070	21E5	B2	
2070	21E6	00	
2070	21E7	22	
2070	21E8	00	
2080	21E9		#XXXXYY10 INSTRUCTIONS.
2090	21E9	1A	.BYTE \$1A,\$1A,\$26,\$26,\$72,\$72,\$88,\$C8
2090	21EA	1A	
2090	21EB	26	
2090	21EC	26	
2090	21ED	72	
2090	21EE	72	
2090	21EF	88	
2090	21F0	C8	

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2100 21F1      ;XXXXYY01 INSTRUCTIONS
2110 21F1 C4   .BYTE $C4,$CA,$26,$4B,$44,$44,$A2,$CB
2110 21F2 CA
2110 21F3 26
2110 21F4 48
2110 21F5 44
2110 21F6 44
2110 21F7 A2
2110 21F8 CB
2120 21F9      FINISH .END

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# CHECK-OUT

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Did you ever want to check-out a new program without having to continually hit the plus key of your KIM? Did you ever wish you could back-up a byte or two? Did you ever want to add some material in the middle of a program without having to reenter all of the succeeding bytes? If you ever did, program CHECK-OUT is for you!

Load this program into the stack page, push the PC key to enter the starting address (0100), and then push the GO key. The display will show address 0000 and the contents of that memory location. Then push the B key to start automatically scanning through memory toward the back of the program, or the F key to start scanning toward the front of the program. The keys 1 through 9 control the scan speed. The zero key stops the scan at the displayed address. The A key stops the scan one position beyond the currently displayed address, while the E key stops the scan one position previous to the currently displayed address. If the scan speed is set to 9 (the fastest possible), the A and E keys are equivalent to an immediate one step forward or backward. Because the plus key was there, it was given its normal function.

If, in scanning a program, an error is found, stop the scan at the error (by pushing the zero key at the error, or stepping there with the A, E, or plus keys). The push the DA key, and you will enter the KIM monitor in data mode. The corrected data can then be immediately entered from the keyboard, and you can then return to program CHECK-OUT by pushing the ST key.

If you wish to make a large jump in address, and scanning there at speed 9 would take too long, push the AD key to enter the KIM monitor in address mode. The new address of interest can then be immediately entered from the keyboard, and you can then return to program CHECK-OUT by pushing the ST key.

The C key Creates spaces for additional bytes in a program by moving the program material down from the displayed address one unit each time the C key is depressed. The byte displayed and all following bytes are moved down and the created space at the displayed address is filled with zeros. The D key Deletes the displayed byte by moving up all the following program material one unit each time the D key is depressed. Neither the C or D key effects the portion of the program before the displayed address. The table below shows what address program CHECK-OUT considers to be the end of the program. Notice that this depends on the page currently being displayed when the C or D key is depressed. If desired, these ending locations can be changed by entering appropriate new address information at the locations indicated in the last two columns of the table.

When attempting to do something program CHECK-OUT considers illegal (for example, modifying some of its own instructions on page 1), the display will go blank for as long as the illegal key is depressed, and then all will return to the previous conditions when the illegal key is released.

Program CHECK-OUT does nothing in the way of changing branch instruction addresses when creating or deleting spaces. If this feature is desired, I invite you to write a routine to perform this address manipulation. Change the branch instruction at location 01D1 in program CHECK-OUT to branch to your routine, and then return to address 0104 in program CHECK-OUT at the end of your routine.

Page of current address	Address taken as the end of the program	Location of these data within program CHECK-OUT	
		High	Low
0	00EE	-	0187
1	not allowed	-	-
2-16	03FF	0193	0195
17	17E6	-	0199
above 17	not allowed	-	-

## STORAGE AREA

00EF 00	PCL	program counter, low
00F0 01	PCH	program counter, high
00F1 00	PREG	status register
00F2 FF	SPUSER	stack pointer
00F3 00	ADL	current address, low
00F4 00	ADH	current address, high
00F5 05	SS	scan speed (0-9)
00F6 00	RD	read disable (disable if not zero)
00F7 00	MODE	mode of operation (stop scan if zero)
00F8 FF	LC	loop counter for display loop
00F9 00	INH	data position for display
00FA FA	POINTL	pointer address, low
00FB 00	POINTH	pointer address, high
00FC 01	TEMP1	temporary storage register #1
00FD 00	TEMP2	temporary storage register #2
00FE 00		not used
00FF 00		not used

## MAIN PROGRAM STARTS HERE

0100 A9 00	ENTRY	LDA #00	initial entry into program
0102 85 FB		STA POINTH	set initial value of POINTH
0104 A5 FA	START	LDA POINTL	get pointer address, low
0106 85 F3		STA ADL	store pointer address, low in ADL
0108 A5 FB		LDA POINTH	get pointer address, high
010A 85 F4		STA ADH	store pointer address, high in ADH
010C A2 FF		LDX #FF	initial value of SPUSER and LC
010E 9A		TXS	initialize stack pointer to #FF
010F 86 F8		STX LC	initialize loop counter to #FF
0111 A2 04		LDX #04	value for interrupt vector, low
0113 8E FA 17		STX 17FA	initialize interrupt vector, low
0116 A2 01		LDX #01	value for interrupt vector, high
0118 8E FB 17		STX 17FB	initialize interrupt vector, high

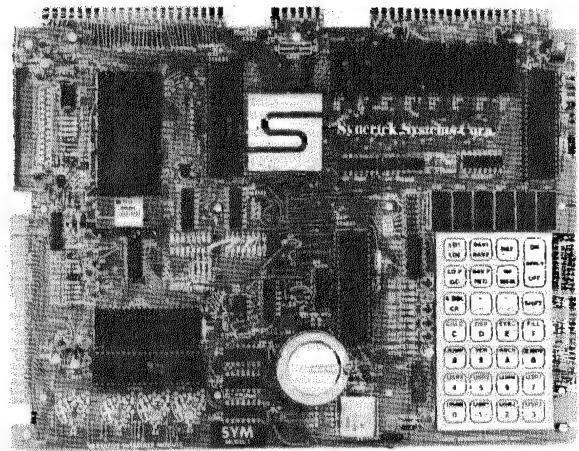
this program assumes the CPU is in the binary mode  
\$00F1 = \$00

## SYM-1, 6502-BASED MICROCOMPUTER

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# DISPLAY/KEYBOARD-DECODE LOOP

011B A9 80	LOOP1	LDA #80	value to store in the timer
011D 8D 47 17		STA 1747	start timer
0120 20 19 1F	AGAIN	JSR SCAND	activate display
0123 D0 04		BNE ONE	branch if any key is depressed
0125 85 F6		STA RD	enable the reading of the keyboard
0127 F0 43		BEQ DONE	unconditional branch to end of loop
0129 A5 F6	ONE	LDA RD	get value of read disable
012B D0 3F		BNE DONE	branch to end of loop if RD not zero
012D E6 F6		INC RD	set read disable to #01
012F 20 6A 1F	ERROR	JSR GETKEY	read keyboard
0132 C9 00		CMP #00	is the zero key depressed?
0134 F0 32		BEQ MZERO	branch if the zero key is depressed
0136 AA		TAX	store keycode in X register
0137 38		SEC	required by next instruction
0138 E9 0A		SBC #0A	subtract #0A from keycode
013A 10 06		BPL TWO	branch if keycode is not speed control
013C 49 FF		EOR #FF	compute new value of speed
013E 85 F5		STA SS	store new value of speed in SS
0140 10 2A		BPL DONE	unconditional branch to end of loop
0142 8A	TWO	TXA	return keycode to accumulator
0143 C9 12		CMP #12	is the plus key depressed?
0145 F0 36		BEQ PLUS	branch if plus key depressed
0147 10 23		BPL DONE	ignore unused keys
0149 C9 10		CMP #10	is the AD key depressed?
014B D0 03		BNE THREE	branch if AD key not depressed
014D 4C 7C 1C	KIM	JMP 1C7C	enter the KIM monitor
0150 29 0A	THREE	AND #0A	result not #0A for C, D, & DA keys
0152 C9 0A		CMP #0A	result is #0A for A, B, E, & F keys
0154 F0 14		BEQ MODE	branch if key is A, B, E, or F
0156 A4 FB		LDY POINTH	load page number into Y register
0158 88		DEY	decrement page number in Y register
0159 F0 D4		BEQ ERROR	blank display if page number = 1
015B A5 F7		LDA MODE	load mode into Y register
015D F0 02		BEQ FOUR	branch if mode is zero
015F 10 CE		BPL ERROR	blank display if mode not zero
0161 8A	FOUR	TXA	return keycode to accumulator
0162 C9 11		CMP #11	is the DA key depressed?
0164 F0 E7		BEQ KIM	enter the KIM monitor if DA key
0166 D0 1C		BNE MOVE	branch if C or D key depressed
0168 A2 00	MZERO	LDX #00	the new value of mode
016A 86 F7	MODE	STX MODE	store the new value of mode
016C AD 47 17	DONE	LDA 1747	test the clock
016F F0 AF		BEQ AGAIN	display again if not time
0171 E6 F8		INC LC	add one to loop counter
0173 A5 F8		LDA LC	get new value of loop counter
0175 C5 F5		CMP SS	compare to total number desired
0177 90 A2		BCC LOOP1	do another loop if necessary
0179 A6 F7		LDX MODE	get value of mode
017B F0 04		BEQ FIVE	return to START if mode is zero
017D 8A		TXA	put mode in accumulator
017E 20 D6 01		JSR NEXT	set up next POINTL and POINTH
0181 4C 04 01	FIVE	JMP START	end of display/keyboard loop

## ROUTINE TO SERVICE THE C AND D KEYS

0184 86 FC	MOVE	STX TEMP1	store keycode in TEMP1
0186 A0 EE		LDY #EE	location of useful end of page zero
0188 A5 F4		LDA ADH	put page number in accumulator
018A F0 0E		BEQ SEVEN	branch if page zero
018C C9 17		CMP #17	is page number equal to 17?
018E F0 08		BEQ SIX	branch if page number is 17
0190 B0 9D		BCS ERROR	blank display if page number > 17
0192 A9 03		LDA #03	end page in unexpanded KIM system RAM
0194 A0 FF		LDY #FF	location of end of page
0196 30 02		BMI SEVEN	unconditional jump
0198 A0 E6	SIX	LDY #E6	location of useful end of page 17
019A 84 FA	SEVEN	STY POINTL	store end of page location in POINTL
019C 85 FB		STA POINTH	store end page number in POINTH
019E A0 00		LDY #00	value needed for (indirect),Y addressing
01A0 B1 FA		LDA POINTL,Y	LDA with byte at the end of the last page
01A2 AA		TAX	store byte in the X register
01A3 98		TYA	bring #00 to accumulator
01A4 91 FA		STA POINTL,Y	put zero in end of page location
01A6 20 EE 01	LOOP2	JSR SUB	decrement POINTL/POINTH
01A9 A5 FC		LDA TEMP1	get keycode from TEMP1
01AB C9 0D		CMP #0D	which key (C or D) is depressed?
01AD F0 0B		BEQ DKEY	branch if D key is depressed
01AF B1 FA	CKEY	LDA POINTL,Y	get byte at pointed location
01B1 C8		INY	increment Y register to unity
01B2 91 FA		STA POINTL,Y	store byte in next larger address
01B4 88		DEY	decrement Y register to zero
01B5 98		TYA	set accumulator to zero
01B6 91 FA		STA POINTL,Y	store zero in pointed location
01B8 F0 09		BEQ TEST	branch around D key instructions
01BA B1 FA	DKEY	LDA POINTL,Y	get byte at pointed location
01BC 85 FD		STA TEMP2	store temporarily in TEMP2
01BE 8A		TXA	bring following byte to accumulator
01BF 91 FA		STA POINTL,Y	store byte in pointed location
01C1 A6 FD		LDX TEMP2	retrieve stored byte
01C3 A5 F4	TEST	LDA ADH	ADH is endpoint of POINTH
01C5 C5 FB		CMP POINTH	has final page been reached?
01C7 90 DD		BCC LOOP2	if not, loop back
01C9 D0 06		BNE END	all done if ADH > POINTH

01C8 A5 F3	LDA ADL	ADL is endpoint of POINTL
01CD C5 FA	CMP POINTL	has final location been reached?
01CF 90 D5	BCC LOOP2	if not, loop back
01D1 4C 04 01	JMP START	end of C and D key routine
01D4 EA	NOP	not used
01D5 EA	NOP	not used

#### SUBROUTINE TO STEP POINTL AND POINTH

01D6 A0 00	NEXT	LDY #00	possible new value of mode
01D8 29 01		AND #01	is least significant digit zero?
01DA D0 02		BNE EIGHT	F and B keys require nonzero mode
01DC 84 F7		STY MODE	A and E keys require zero mode
01DE 88	EIGHT	DEY	decrement Y register to #FF
01DF 8A		TXA	bring mode to accumulator
01E0 29 04		AND #04	in which direction is the scan?
01E2 D0 0A		BNE SUB	branch if E or F key depressed
01E4 98	ADD	TYA	bring #FF to accumulator
01E5 C5 FA		CMP POINTL	is POINTL equal to #FF?
01E7 D0 02		BNE NINE	branch if not equal to #FF
01E9 E6 FB		INC POINTH	increment POINTH to new value
01EB E6 FA	NINE	INC POINTL	increment POINTL to new value
01ED 60		RTS	return
01EE C6 FA	SUB	DEC POINTL	decrement POINTL to new value
01FO A9 FF		LDA #FF	needed for next instruction
01F2 C5 FA		CMP POINTL	is POINTL equal to #FF?
01F4 D0 02		BNE RETURN	branch if not equal to #FF
01F6 C6 FB		DEC POINTH	decrement POINTH to new value
01F8 60	RETURN	RTS	return

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01F9 to 01FF

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## basic

BASIC MOD & PROGRAMMING HINT

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Two days ago my copy of 6502 User Notes arrived, and because of new format and content I must say: Congratulations !!! You have arranged it into several sections, so it is quite easy to find an object of special personal interest. In my case it is BASIC.

You rised a BASIC question, and I have the solution. The problem of re-loading programs comes from a programming error of the Microsoft people. They did not realize that

1. the ID = \$00 or \$FF are only operable if the tape was not saved with an ID of \$00 or \$FF.
2. loading to a changed address using \$FF in \$17F9 is not possible with their tapes as they use \$FF in \$17F9 during save!

You have to change the LDA \$FF into LDA \$FE at \$274, the \$FE is at \$2744, and that's all! You should have a look into the listing of the KIM-loader to see that ID=\$FF only comes into operation after the compare between the \$17F9-ID and the tape-ID, in our case the compare matches and the tape is loaded to the same location as it is saved.

You are right that the BREAK-Test should include the 30 as an opcode.

The KIM BASIC hint regarding inputting only a 'return' is good, and I have another one!

In every case you try to use the cursor control codes in PRINT-statements with a semi-colon at the end you run into trouble: after 72 chars (or any other number you inputted at the cold start) the BASIC thinks the line would be complete you inserts a CR-LF, and off you are. This is true in all sorts of games (3 cushion billiard, life and so on). But the solution is so easy: add a simple POKE, and everything will run:

1000 PRINT CHR\$(9);POKE 22,1:REM CURSOR RIGHT  
The POKE goes to the memory cell which holds the position in the line. The storage of the 1 let

the BASIC think it was at the beginning of the line and so the inclusion of the unwanted CR-LF is dropped.

Besides, I have made a little program with subroutines of HYPERTAPE and LOAD in the same form as they are used in the Micro Ade Assembler, that means with optical control of the loading. You can see on the 7-segment-display three different states: SYNC, Loading and seeking (that means if your load was with a fault and the loader looks for another ID). This little program has routines for calling these subroutines, and it can start BASIC and can start other programs at a specific address. I use the loader- and save-subs from BASIC too, and so my BASIC is in the memory in 3 minutes instead of 18! Besides, I have made a dis-assembler printout of BASIC to allow easier corrections to BASIC. I think it would be possible to PROM the BASIC with trig functions, but this would be only possible in 9K, and you would have to change something in the coldstart routine. You must only make a little correction to the "Want SIN..." routine and take the first address after the PROM as beginning of free memory to \$78, \$79, e.g. the Want Sin prompting will be deleted.

The renumbering program on page 12 seems to be good, but I want to make one in assembler which could be loaded to my spare memory at \$0400 and must not be deleted at the end of the operation.

I just remember another little correction to my BASIC: I changed the location \$243A to \$E5 which allows the use of the DEL key at my terminal instead of the underline to delete a wrong character.

The most important thing during work with BASIC for nay corrections: a disassembler print-out!!!!

Then it is very easy to follow the flow through the interpreter and make little changes.

#### BASIC OUTPUT PAGING MOD

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Marvin Dejong asks where to look to make Basic list 16 lines, rather than scoot the program past his eyes so quickly he can't see it.

Microsoft Basic does not use the KIM CRLF routine. Rather, it outputs a CR (0D) and line feed (0A) followed by a number of nulls as defined



in LOC \$15. These characters are all transferred to the KIM OUTCH routine. In 9-digit Microsoft Basic, the call to KIM OUTCH is located at \$2A51. To limit output, we can intercept this call, count the number of times the CR or LF character pass through our intercept, then halt further output until the operator inputs some character from the keyboard.

The following routine does this by counting the line-feed characters and stopping output until a line-feed is entered via the keyboard. As a bonus, let's add an ability to stop output (i.e. terminate the process) when we've found what we want, or have seen enough. The routine maybe placed anywhere in memory that will not be overwritten by Basic or Basic programs/data.

```
LINCNT  CMP # $0A      ;is it a line feed?
        BNE LINC1      ;no, then output
        INC COUNTR      ;yes, incr the counter
        LDA COUNTR      ;and check to see if
        CMP LNCNT       ;it = 's preset line count
        BEQ LINC2       ;yes, -halt output
        LDA # $0A       ;else, reload line feed
LINC1   JMP $1EAO       ;(KIM OUTCH)

LINC2   LDA #0
        STA COUNTR      ;reset the counter
LINC3   JSR $1E5A       ;(KIM GETCH) get a char
        CMP # $0A       ;line feed?
        BEQ LINC1       ;yes, continue listing
        CMP # $0D       ;return?
        BNE LINC3       ;no, ignore
        JMP $0          ;else, jump to "warm start"

COUNTR  **=1           ;line feed counter
LNCNT   **=1           ;line count
```

To use the routine, set the address of "LINCNT" at \$2A52, \$2A53. Preset the values of "COUNTR" to zero and "LNCNT" to the desired number of lines (use HEX). All output will then be limited to the number of lines defined by LNCNT. Since Basic does not use zero page locations from \$DD up, \$DD and \$DE may be good locations to put "COUNTR" and "LNCNT" since this can be done before loading Basic from tape.

When in Basic, the routine can be used to limit output to a specific number of lines by "poke"ing the values of "COUNTR" and "LNCNT" as appropriate.

One additional note, 9 digit Basic sets the base address for programs at locations \$4148 and \$414A to 41 and 40, respectively. To gain room above Basic for additional software, changing these locations to the address values desired will do the trick. By the way, to check on the authors of Microsoft Basic, enter an "A" in response to the "memory size?" question.

## RENUMBER ADDENDUM AND SOME MODS

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I recently sent you a BASIC renumbering program for KIM Microsoft 8K BASIC. In the accompanying letter I noted one restriction about the number of digits in the new line number. Sean McKenna has written me about one further restriction. He notes that numbers after THEN in an assignment, for example, will always be renumbered. Thus, the 2 in 10 IF A = 1 THEN X=2 could be inadvertently changed. He suggests using variables in assignments after THEN (X = V, where V = 2) to avoid the problem.

I also mentioned another renumbering program I use which utilizes a paper tape punch. This program does not have the above problem. If readers are interested in this program I will send it to them on receipt of a SASE and extra loose stamp.

I wrote you recently about the question you posed to your readers about Microsoft BASIC. It is possible to automate the "Y" answer in an initialization routine and I documented the procedure. A further point-4146 can be changed to 4E or 41 if "N" or "A" is the desired response.

In reply to a question posed to me in a private letter I have figured out how to skip all 3 initialization questions and their accompanying messages.

1. To size memory automatically change-

Locations	From	To	
40B9	20	4C	JMP \$40CD
40BA	18	CD	
40BB	2A	40	

2. To keep 72 as terminal width

410A	20	4C	JMP \$4136
410B	18	36	
410C	2A	41	

3. To answer "Y" to trig functions question and skip message

413A	20	4C	JMP \$4145
413B	18	45	
413C	2A	41	

4145	C0	A9	LDA #'Y or 'N or 'A
4146	00	59	or 4E or 41

## AUTOMATIC LINE NUMBER ENTRY PROMPT FOR BASIC

```
0010:
0010: Sean McKenna
0020: 64 Fairview Ave.
0030: Piedmont, CA 94610
0040: January, 1979
0050:
0060:
0061:
0062:
```

### NUMBER REVISED VERSION

```
0070: An automatic line numbering input routine
0080: for 9 digit KIM BASIC. From command BASIC
0090: enter # nnnn+ii(sp)CR to begin automatic
0100: line number sequencing with nnnn. Each
0110: line will be incremented by ii. To return
0120: to command BASIC enter CR after line number.
0130: On delete the line number will be repeated
0140: on the next line of the terminal. Don't
0150: forget the space after the increment number
0160: or you may get no increment at all or a
0170: strange one. Because of the decimal add
0180: the highest line number possible with the
0190: program is 9999 and 99 is the highest
0200: increment
0210:
```

Initialization: SEQFLG and TIMNUM must be initialized to \$00 before using the routine

0230:	0200	NUMBER	ORG	\$0200	
0240:	0200	INCR	*	\$00E5	
0250:	0200	SEQFLG	*	\$00E6	
0260:	0200	TIMNUM	*	\$00E7	
0270:	0200	HI	*	\$00E8	
0280:	0200	LO	*	\$00E9	
0290:	0200	BASBUF	*	\$001B	
0300:	0200	PACKT	*	\$1A00	
0310:	0200	SAVX	*	\$17E9	
0320:		Set input and output to your routines.			
0330:		Input should echo to output and preserve X.			
0340:		Output should preserve X and ACC.			
0350:	0200	INPUT	*	\$1000	
0360:	0200	OUTPUT	*	\$1017	
0370:					
0380:		Enter here from KIM BASIC INPUT call			
0390:	0200 24 E7	START	BIT	TIMNUM	If not time to output a line number
0400:	0202 10 14		BPL	INP	Then branch to input call
0410:	0204 A5 E8	LINO	LDA	HI	Otherwise output a 4 digit line number to
0420:	0206 20 6A 02		JSR	OUTNUM	the BASIC input buffer and users display
0430:	0209 A5 E9		LDA	LO	
0440:	020B 20 6A 02		JSR	OUTNUM	
0450:	020E A9 00		LDAIM	\$00	and clear the TIMNUM flag
0460:	0210 85 E7		STAZ	TIMNUM	
0470:	0212 A9 20		LDAIM	\$20	Output a space
0480:	0214 20 17 10		JSR	OUTPUT	
0490:	0217 60		RTS		and return to basic
0500:	0218 20 00 10	INP	JSR	INPUT	Get user input
0510:	021B C9 40		CMPIM	\$40	
0520:	021D D0 0B		BNE	CRQ	If delete input
0530:	021F 24 E6		BIT	SEQFLG	and sequence flag is set
0540:	0221 10 46		BPL	RETURN	
0550:	0223 A9 FF		LDAIM	\$FF	then set TIMNUM flag
0560:	0225 85 E7		STAZ	TIMNUM	
0570:	0227 A9 40		LDAIM	\$40	restore delete
0580:	0229 60		RTS		
0590:	022A C9 0D	CRQ	CMPIM	\$0D	If CR
0600:	022C D0 3B		BNE	RETURN	
0610:	022E 24 E6		BIT	SEQFLG	and sequence flag is set
0620:	0230 30 24		BMI	ENDSEQ	go see what to do
0630:	0232 A5 1B		LDA	BASBUF	otherwise look at BASBUF
0640:	0234 C9 23		CMPIM	\$23	did he input a #?
0650:	0236 D0 2F		BNE	CRRET	If not return with a CR
0660:	0238 A9 FF		LDAIM	\$FF	
0670:	023A 85 E6		STAZ	SEQFLG	If yes set sequence flag
0680:	023C A9 0D		LDAIM	\$0D	Output a CR
0690:	023E 20 17 10		JSR	OUTPUT	
0700:	0241 A9 0A		LDAIM	\$0A	and LF
0710:	0243 20 17 10		JSR	OUTPUT	
0711:	0246 A2 00		LDXIM	\$00	Clear HI, LO and SAVX
0712:	0248 8E E9 17		STX	SAVX	
0713:	024B 86 E8		STX	HI	
0714:	024D 86 E9		STX	LO	
0720:	024F 20 90 02		JSR	SETNUM	and go set up HI,LO and INCR
0730:	0252 A2 00	SETLNO	LDXIM	\$00	
0740:	0254 F0 AE		BEQ	LINO	send the first line number and return
0750:	0256 E0 08	ENDSEQ	CPXIM	\$08	
0760:	0258 30 09		BMI	CLRSEQ	clear SEQFLG if not enough in buffer
0770:	025A 20 C5 02		JSR	INCLN	otherwise add increment to line number
0780:	025D A9 FF		LDAIM	\$FF	and set the TIMNUM flag
0790:	025F 85 E7		STAZ	TIMNUM	
0800:	0261 30 04		BMI	CRRET	and returns with CR in ACC
0810:	0263 A9 00	CLRSEQ	LDAIM	\$00	
0820:	0265 85 E6		STAZ	SEQFLG	
0830:	0267 A9 0D	CRRET	LDAIM	\$0D	
0840:	0269 60	RETURN	RTS		
0850:					
0860:		SUBROUTINES FOLLOW			
0870:	026A 48	OUTNUM	PHA		Puts hex byte in ACC in BASIC buffer as
0880:	026B 4A		LSRA		2 ACII decimal digits and ehoes to user
0890:	026C 4A		LSRA		
0900:	026D 4A		LSRA		
0910:	026E 4A		LSRA		
0920:	026F 20 7D 02		JSR	HXTAS	
0930:	0272 20 89 02		JSR	PNUM	
0940:	0275 68		PLA		
0950:	0276 20 7D 02		JSR	HXTAS	
0960:	0279 20 89 02		JSR	PNUM	
0970:	027C 60		RTS		
0980:	027D 29 0F	HXTAS	ANDIM	\$0F	Changes hex character to ASCII
0990:	027F C9 0A		CMPIM	\$0A	
1000:	0281 18		CLC		
1010:	0282 30 02		BMI	HXI	
1020:	0284 69 07		ADCIM	\$07	
1030:	0286 69 30	HXI	ADCIM	\$30	
1040:	0288 60		RTS		
1050:	0289 20 17 10	PNUM	JSR	OUTPUT	Line number to buffer and output
1060:	028C 95 1B		STAAX	BASBUF	
1070:	028E E8		INX		
1080:	028F 60		RTS		
1090:	0290 E8	SETNUM	INX		Gets base line number and increment from
1100:	0291 B5 1B		LDAAX	BASBUF	buffer and places in HI,LO, and INCR
1110:	0293 C9 20		CMPIM	\$20	
1120:	0295 F0 F9		BEQ	SETNUM	Ignore spaces

1130: 0297 C9 2B	CMPIM \$2B	If plus sign (+) then go get increment
1140: 0299 F0 18	BEQ GETINC	
1150: 029B 20 00 1A	JSR PACKT	Otherwise convert to ASCII and store
1160: 029E A5 E9	LDA LO	
1170: 02A0 A0 04	LDYIM \$04	Into HI and LO
1180: 02A2 0A	ASLA	
1190: 02A3 26 E8	ROT ROL HI	
1200: 02A5 88	DEY	
1210: 02A6 D0 FA	BNE ROT	
1220: 02A8 0D E9 17	ORA SAVX	
1230: 02AB 85 E9	STA LO	
1240: 02AD 8C E9 17	STY SAVX	
1250: 02B0 4C 90 02	JMP SETNUM	And go look for next one
1260: 02B3 E8	GETINC INX	
1270: 02B4 B5 1B	LDAAX BASBUF	Get increment number
1280: 02B6 C9 20	CMPIM \$20	
1290: 02B8 F0 05	BEQ GOTIT	If blank done
1300: 02BA 20 00 1A	JSR PACKT	Convert to ASCII and leave it in SAVX
1310: 02BD F0 F4	BEQ GETINC	Go get next one
1320: 02BF AD E9 17	GOTIT LDA SAVX	
1330: 02C2 85 E5	STAZ INCR	put it in INCR and return
1340: 02C4 60	RTS	
1350: 02C5 A5 E5	INCLN LDAZ INCR	Add increment amount to line number
1360: 02C7 18	CLC	
1370: 02C8 F8	SED	
1380: 02C9 65 E9	ADC LO	would sell the source code for an additional 15
1390: 02CB 85 E9	STA LO	bucks).
1400: 02CD A5 E8	LDA HI	
1410: 02CF 69 00	ADCIM \$00	
1420: 02D1 85 E8	STA HI	
1430: 02D3 D8	CLD	
1440: 02D4 60	RTS	

The "real-time clock" is actually a "tick" counter and not a time of day clock. Could be useful in games etc.

#### PRODUCT ANNOUNCEMENT

Bob Kurtz of Micro-Z has announced that he is making available his Basic mods which add Hyper-tape and most importantly the ability to save and load Basic data as well as programs. (This is one of the shortcomings of the 6502 version of Microsoft Basic. It's hard to believe that this ability wouldn't be part of the original program specs.) The ability to save data is a very important one as it enables one to maintain and update data files of such things as income info for tax time, scores for the plant bowling league, handicaps for the local golf course, maintaining your check book, etc etc.

The package also includes a 60 + page Basic manual which explains each command in detail and includes many programmed examples. I have the manual and can attest to its completeness. The only thing this manual doesn't include is any Zero-page usage data as was found in the Basic documentation included with the Basic from Johnson Computer.

Anyhow, Micro-Z is asking \$35 for their Basic enhancement package and this uncludes the manual. Contact Micro-Z Co, Box 2426, Rolling Hills, Ca 90274.

#### BASIC 'USR' FUNCTION INFO

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Microsoft BASIC users should note that "AYINT" does not work as described in the instructions for Microsoft BASIC (at least in my version of it.) The USR argument is returned to \$00B1(HI) and \$00B2(LO), and not to Y and A. After having some problems with the USR statement, I wrote to Microsoft and they responded with the above information (apparently not having had this brought to their attention before according to their letter). You should check your version out to see what it does, as newer ones may have this changed either in the program or the instructions. This is applicable for the KB-9 version. I cannot verify that the following work, but Microsoft wrote that the return is to AB(LO) and AC(HI) in KB-6, and B4(LO) and B5(HI) in the ROM version. I would check the HI-LO arrangement carefully, since they had them reversed for the KB-9 version; they work as stated above in my BASIC.

FROM THE EDITOR: The 'USR' function in Micro-soft Basic is a kluge at best. Does anyone know where the 'USR' routine is located in Basic so we can make it work right. Tiny Basic has a much better machine language interface.

#### A NEW COMMAND FOR BASIC

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To implement the "GET" command in KIM BASIC by Microsoft, change the following:

at location \$2AEA-\$2AEC enter A0 00 A2 1A

The "GET" command allows terminal input and test of a single character without the need to enter the "RETURN" key. One example is in terminal use where you want to hold some material on the screen until the user signals completion:

```
1000 PRINT:PRINT "ENTER SPACE WHEN READY";:GET A$:
IF A$="" THEN 1000
```

This will repeat the prompt "ENTER SPACE WHEN READY" until a space is entered, then fall through to the next program step. Of course, many other uses exist.

GET A ---returns the numeric value 0-9  
GET A\$---returns the alpha value A-Z

#### EDITOR'S ADDITION —

Bob Kurtz of Micro-Z mentioned that he got the "GET" command working by changing location \$2AEE from \$D0 to \$F0.

The GET command will simplify the user interface considerably.

#### PRODUCT REVIEW

by the editor

Review of Harvey Hermans Basic Enhancement Package as mentioned in Issue #13 p. 12.

Besides what I mentioned in issue #13 you also get a method for using KIMs ST key for stopping the program in a controlled manner, the ability to append Basic programs and subroutines from cassette tape, and a fix for a bug in Basics cassette save routine (also see Herr Schillings letter in the Basic section of this issue for the same fix).

For 15 bucks you get five pages of info. Four pages of explanations and sample printouts of the Basic mods and the fifth page is a hexdump of the mods.

There's no doubt that this is a useful package of info for the Basic user. My only complaints are that the price is a little steep (\$7.50 would have been more like it) and the source codes for the mods is not included (Mr. Herman indicated he

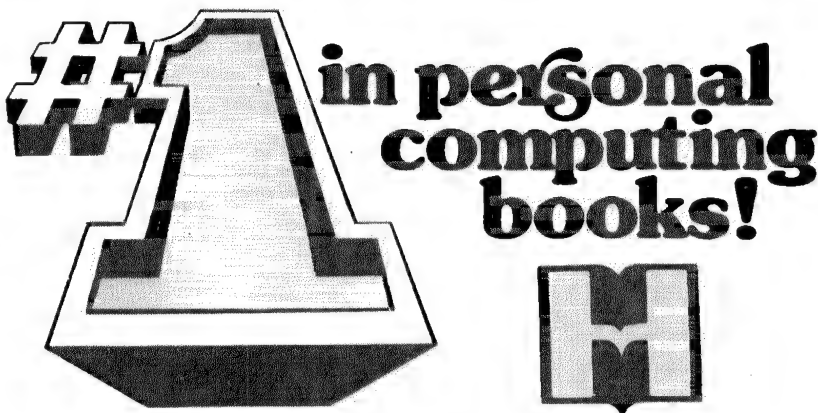
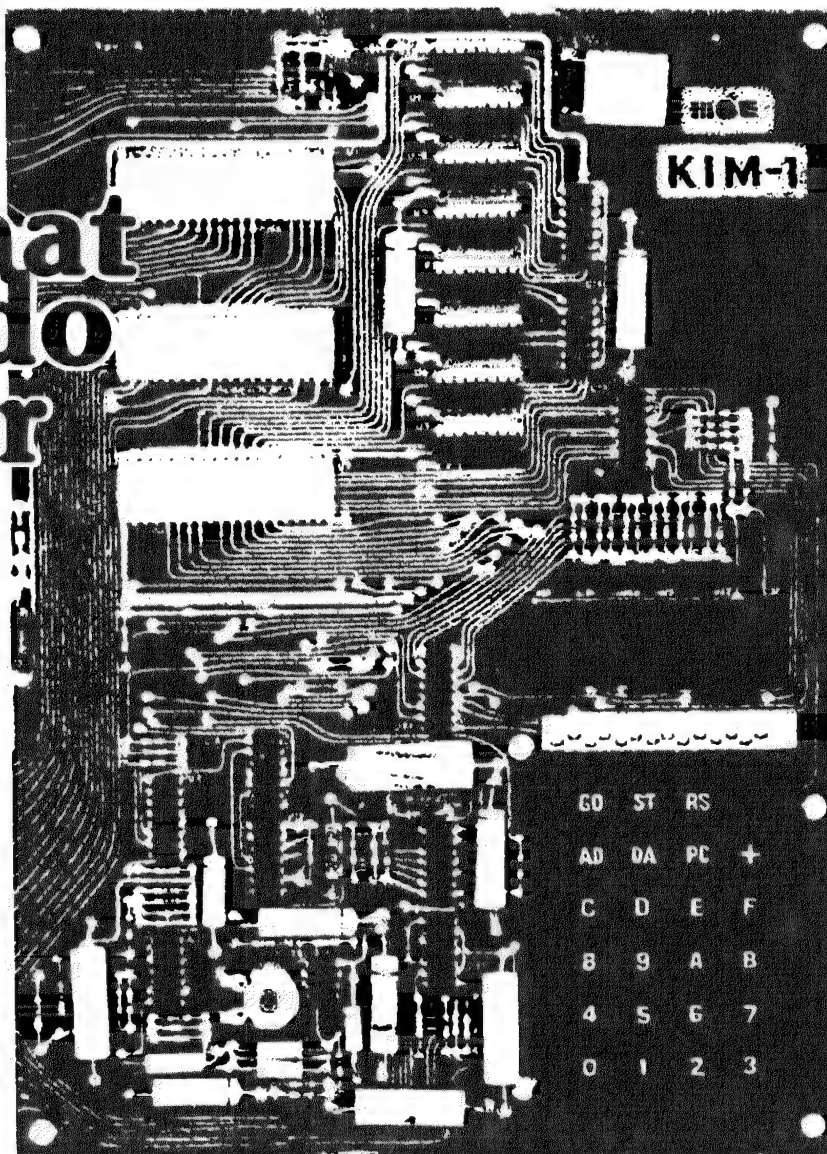
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# focal

Lots of neat mods are in store for FOCAL. We're going to add a cassette save & load facility, a Basic-like data statement, output to KIM's seven segment display, the ability to handle arrays of strings, an improved print command, a machine language subroutine call and a few minor fixits and speed-up mods.

Before we do all this, however, we need some room. The present size of the Aresco V3D is about 6K so let's stretch it out to an even 8K and give ourselves a little breathing room. If you examine the listings (love them listings!), you'll notice that the user program must start right after Focal because of line number 00.00 at \$35EB.

(One problem: all these mods pertain to V3D which is distributed by Aresco and not necessarily to FCL-65E which is distributed by 6502 Program Exchange. The symbolic addressing info might pertain to FCL-65E but since I don't have a listing of FCL-65E, I can't be sure. FCL-65E might be an updated version of V3D but I can't be sure).

Extend V3D FOCAL to 8K by moving \$35EB through \$360A to \$3FE0-\$3FFF. This moves the line 0.0 startup message to the top of the 8K block that will be used by FOCAL. Some zero page pointers must also be changed to allow for the above mod.

```
change: TEXTBEG $002F FROM $EB TO $EO
        $0030 FROM $35 TO $3F
PBADR   $0031 FROM $09 TO $FE
        $0032 FROM $36 TO $3F
VARBEG  $003E FROM $0A TO $FF
        $003F FROM $36 TO $3F
VARST   $0040 FROM $0A TO $FF
        $0041 FROM $36 TO $3F
VAREND  $0042 FROM $0A TO $FF
        $0043 FROM $36 TO $3F
PDLIST  $0053 NO CHANGE
        $0054 FROM $3F TO $5F
```

This is the FOCAL pushdown stack and should be set to some convenient page up out of the way of FOCAL programs. \$5F assumes a 16K system.

Another thing that must be improved is the way FOCAL sets up zero-page. Actually, it doesn't. I really can't understand why the implementers overlooked this problem. Oh well...it's easy to fix. At \$3F00 add the following zero page initialization routine. \$3F00 will become the new cold start address.

```
ZPAGE = $0
ZSTORE = $3F10
LENGTH = $BF ; NUMBER OF BYTES
STARTF = $2000
*=$3F00
CSTART LDX #0 ; INITS THE LOOP COUNTER
ZLOOP LDA ZSTORE,X ; START MOVING DATA
      STA ZPAGE,X
      INX
      CPX #LENGTH+1
      BNE ZLOOP
      JMP STARTF ; PAGE IS SET UP
                ; GO TO FOCAL
```

Ok now, we have stretched out FOCAL to 8K and added a 2 page initialization routine. What next? We'll start adding mods from \$35EB-\$3EFF.

More next time.....

# tiny basic

Oops! In issue #13, I left out the mod that must be made to the IL at \$0A26. Here it is:

```
0A26 1E NX NX on REM instead of NS.
```

In the next issue, we'll be presenting a very comprehensive string capability for TB as well as a cassette save and load ability. (I ran out of room in this issue). Must be a good number of Tiny Basic users out there. Have you done anything neat with TB? Let us know.

# forth

Nothing new to report here except that by issue #15 or #16 I hope to be announcing availability of FORTH for KIM. Preliminary versions are actually operational at this point, but documentation has to be written and other details have to be worked out. This version of FORTH was written to conform to the implementation info presented in the Caltech FORTH manual. A complete source listing will be available.

*Beware - just because it's called FORTH don't mean it really is. Before you purchase any package called "FORTH" make sure it conforms to the "international standard" presented in #13.*

# xplo

Ready for something new? Take a look at XPL0. This is a block structured compiling language that is quite a bit different from BASIC or FOCAL and more along the lines of a subset of ALGOL or PASCAL. An article on XPL0 appeared in Kilobaud (Feb 79 p. 24) which should enlighten you on the ins and outs of this new addition to the 6502 users arsenal.

I purchased XPL0 from the 6502 Program Exchange, 2920 Moana, Reno NV 89509. Get their catalog for \$1. Lots of good software from this group. Check them out.

Here's a sample HILO program written in XPL0 to give you an idea what it looks like.

```
'CODE' CRLF=9,RANDOM=1,INPUT=10,TEXT=12;
'INTEGER' GUESS,NUMBER,INCORRECT,TRY;
'PROCEDURE' MAKEANUMBER;
'BEGIN'
  NUMBER:=RANDOM(100);
'END';
'PROCEDURE' INPUTGUESS;
'BEGIN'
  GUESS:=INPUT(0);
'END';

'PROCEDURE' TESTGUESS;
'BEGIN'
  'IF' NUMBER=GUESS 'THEN'
  'BEGIN'
    TEXT(0,"CORRECT!!");
    TRY:=1;
  'END'
  'ELSE'
    'IF' NUMBER<GUESS 'THEN'
    TEXT(0,"TOO HIGH");
  'ELSE' TEXT(0,"TOO LOW");
  CRLF(0);
'END';

'BEGIN'
  INCORRECT:=0;
  TRY:=INCORRECT;
  MAKEANUMBER;
  'WHILE' TRY=INCORRECT 'DO'
  'BEGIN'
    TEXT(0,"GUESS ");
    INPUTGUESS;
    TESTGUESS;
  'END';
'END'
```

The 6502 Program Exchange also offers a very powerful text editor which is based on the DEC TECO editor. TEC65 is a line oriented (no line numbers) and allows for some very complex editing macros. For instance, you could conceivably convert an assembly source file from one assembler format to another. TEC65 includes a cassette operating system which lets you save and load text files.

I've had this editing language running on my machine and am quite impressed with its power. Check it out!



# sym!

## ACCESSING THE SYM DISPLAYS

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I got my new SYM-1 a couple of weeks ago, and I love it. But there's a lot of work to be done—it's not that similar to KIM.

Outputting on the display is a lot different—instead of using F9, FA and FB, you have to treat each 7-segment display as a unit, and get it into DISBUF at A640 (left display) through A645 (right display). But since DISBUF is in write-protected RAM, you have to call ACCESS at 8B86 first to unwrite the RAM.

I've enclosed a little SYM-1 program to output the characters, and shown the segment coding. The program as written will display squirrely characters as indicated. Any character can be displayed by changing the coding in 021A through 021F, using the indicated coding, and others can be found starting at location 8C29 in the monitor.

This program may help novices like myself to get the feel of SYM. I haven't had time to figure out the counter yet.

Maybe some bright USER can come up with a way to hook up Don Lancaster's TVT 6 5/8 to a SYM.

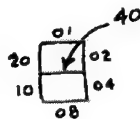
Sorry that Jack Cowan had trouble with his Solid State 4K board. Mine worked the first time with my KIM (no bad chips), and when I plugged it into my SYM, after changing the addresses, it also worked perfectly.

ACCESS = \$8B86  
DISBUF = \$A640-45  
SCAND = \$8906

```
0200 A2 05      LDX  @ 05
0200 20 86 8B  GETCH JSR  ACCESS
0205 BD 14 02      LDA  TABLE,X
0208 9D 40 A6      STA  DISBUF,X
020B CA          DEX
020C 10 F7        BPL  GETCH
020E 20 06 89  DISPL JSR  SCAND
0211 4C 0E 02      JMP  DISPL
0214 79          TABLE ,BYTE 'ESCAPE'
0215 6D
0216 39
0217 77
0218 73
0219 79
```

Blank = 00, Decimal = 80  
SEGMENT CODE

3D	0111	or	37	0111
76			64	
1E			52	
38			D3	
73			49	
3E			5C	



Other character codes start at Mon. address \$8C29. To change display change coding in table 0214-0219.

## SYM NOTES & KIM-4 COMPATIBILITY

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I note that some information on the SYM is being included in the 'USER NOTES'. The SYM looked like a reasonable way to improve a KIM based system so I looked into this. The Synertek literature states that the SYM is usable with any KIM based motherboard. To check, I wrote Synertek and asked specifically if it would work with the KIM-4. They replied that it would. So I got one and tried it, and can report that it does not work with the KIM-4. The trouble was tracked down to the fact that the KIM-4 data buffers are enabled at the wrong times. Thus the KIM-4 has to be altered for proper decoding. After cooling down  
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somewhat about this development, I looked into the problem and came up with a solution, but not an optimal one.

The following alteration will result in the KIM-4 being enabled for all addresses below \$8000, and disabled for all above (and including) \$8000. Since the SYM in its full glory will utilize almost all of the addresses above \$8000, this scheme makes sense. However, if you want to fit in some RAM in the unused high memory positions, you will have to resort to more extensive surgery on the KIM-4. The mod here requires that the lower 1K of memory be on the KIM-4, which makes the RAM on the SYM unnecessary. A simple change will disable the low 1K (\$0000-\$03FF) on the KIM-4 and allow its use on the SYM. However, since this makes filling in the rest of the first 8K somewhat awkward, I prefer to ignore the SYM RAM (which should be removed, especially if either set of RAM's on the same address can be write protected.)

First of all, you will have to remove chip U5 of the KIM-4 (the 7423) and replace it with a socket. Since you will in all probability destroy U5 in this process, be sure you get another 7423 before starting. Note that some pins make their connection at the top of the board only. If a tiny bit of solder is placed on these pins at the base before putting the socket on the board, it will melt and make contact if you heat the pin adequately. Replacing the 7423 into the socket will leave the KIM-4 in its original state for the KIM.

Now you will connect a 16 pin dip header to a 14 pin socket using the following connections:

16 PIN (TOP)	14 PIN (BOT)
4	9
6	12
7	8
8 GND	7 GND
9	3
10	2
12	1
16 VCC	14 VCC

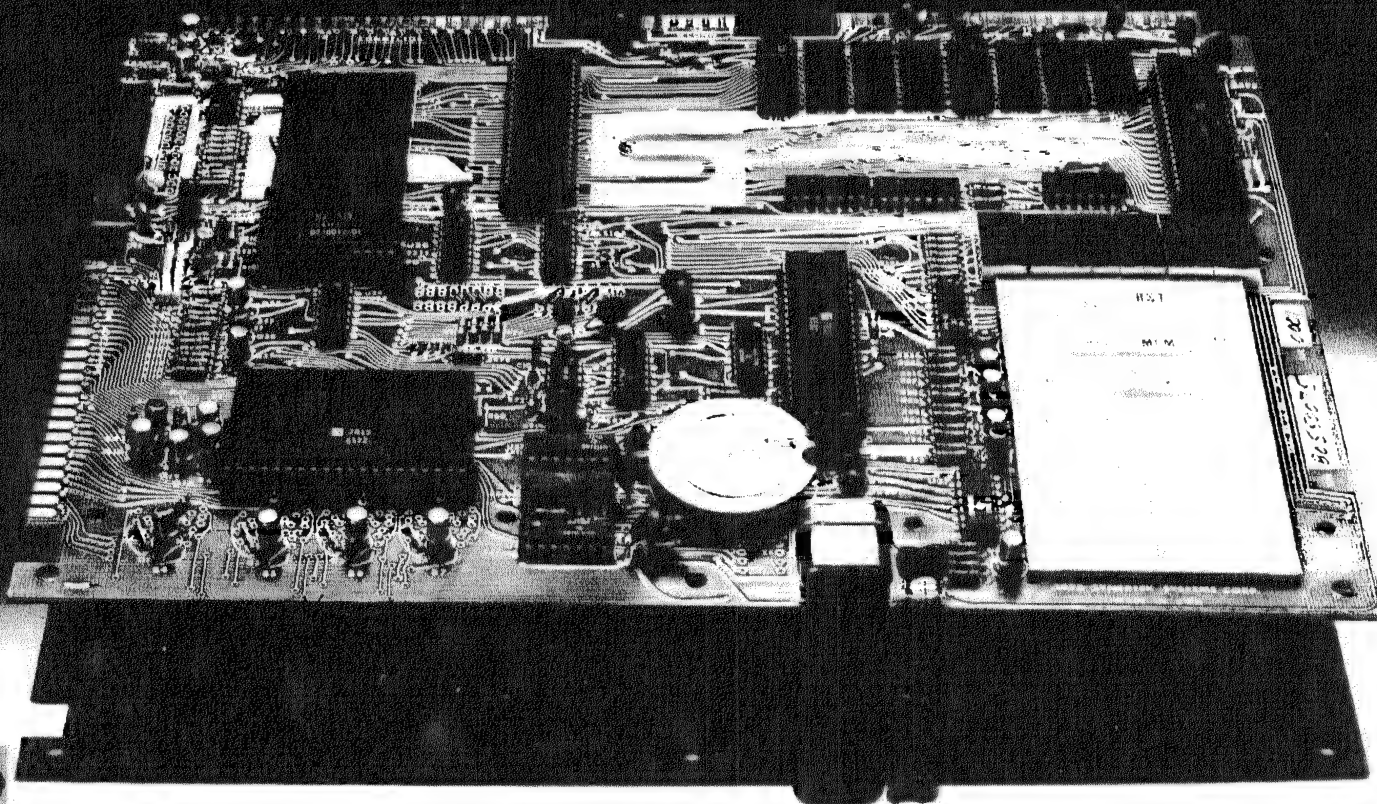
Now connect pins 10 and 11 together on the 14 pin socket, and do the same with pins 13 and 14. Be sure to use covered wire as they will have to cross over each other. I made my connections about 1/2 inch long so that the 14 pin socket sets just above the 16 pin dip header. Using solid hookup wire makes for a fairly firm package. Being careful to observe the location of pin 1, put a 7400 (or 74LS00) into the 14 pin socket. Now plug the converter into the socket for U5 in place of the 7423. The KIM-4 is now enabled for the lower 32K and disabled for the top 32K. The SYM should now work when plugged in, but not the KIM.

To disable the KIM-4 for the first 1K, do not connect pins 13 and 14 on the 14 pin socket together. Instead, run a connection from K0 on the applications connector (pin A-B) to pin 13 of the 14 pin socket. Note that there is an unused NAND gate in the 4700 that can be used for additional coding if desired. (The info in this paragraph has not actually been tried yet).

Having made the above conversion, I was then in a position to determine whether or not KIM programs that use TTY or CRT I/O could be successfully transferred and used after changing the I/O vectors and/or JSR's. This led to the next problem. Transferring programs to the SYM system from the KIM system sounds easy since SYM has a KIM format tape input program. But it ain't easy. First of all, as noted in the Feb ('79) MICRO, the SYM stops when it detects a '2F', thinking it is the end of file marker. Those '2F' bytes that are not EOF's have to be changed to something else before transfer, and then changed back afterwards. (I intend writing a short program that will do this in the near future.) The next problem is that SYM will not read tapes made with Hypertape; you must muse the KIM monitor speed. I suppose that a program could be written to read Hypertape, and wonder why Synertek didn't make theirs flexible enough to do this. (If I read the monitor program correctly - and this is not easy to do because of all the branches and jumps it uses - the number of pulses required per bit is programmed into the monitor and cannot be changed.)

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# aim!

## MANUAL CORRECTIONS

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I finally managed to transfer Tiny Basic to the SYM system, and after changing the I/O vectors, found that it worked. One point that I noted was that the SYM monitor converts lower case input into upper case, but this looks like it would not be too hard to get around.

Another point of difference in the KIM and SYM. I have found the KIM tape I/O to be extremely reliable and not critical in the recorder used or the settings used. For the short bit that I have used the SYM, I have found it to be extremely sensitive to the recorder volume and tone settings, particularly for the high speed format. It was thoughtful of Synertek to provide a visual means of setting the volume and tone controls for proper reading of the tape (using a sync tape). I guess one must decide which is better - fast tape I/O but critical settings, or slower but surer tape I/O.

### ADDENDUM

Since writing the above I have noted another problem in using the SYM with the KIM-4. KIM outputs K1,2,3,4 are wire-or'd together on the KIM-4 and pulled up with a resistor (R2). The equivalent lines on the SYM are not open collector lines and probably should not be wire or'd. No harm came to the 74LS138 on the SYM during the short time I used it without noticing this (at least no noticeable harm). These four lines can be separated on the KIM-4 by cutting the traces between them (where the connectors are soldered to the KIM-4 board). K4 (A-F) can be disconnected from R2 by removing the through plating where the line transfers to the bottom of the board. A four position dip switch could be hooked up to connect or disconnect the lines.

### WUMPUS & MUSIC BOX MODS FOR SYM

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SYM Users: Make the following modifications to Stan Ockers' WUMPUS program in The First Book Of KIM to use it on your machine.

LOC	FROM	TO
35C	E7	29
35D	1F	8C
365	E7	29
366	1F	8C
376	14	47 ASCII G (GO key) to pitch Gas
2A6	06	04
2A7	17	A4
2E1	E7	29
2E2	1F	8C

Replace 200 thru 257 with

```
200 84 DE 85 DD 20 86 8B A0 05 B1 DD 49 80 C9 80 F0
210 1F 99 40 A6 88 10 F2 A2 0A 86 DB A9 52 8D 1F A4
220 20 06 89 2C 06 A4 10 F8 C6 DB D0 EF E6 DD D0 D7
230 60
```

Replace 258 thru 271 with

```
258 20 AF 88 C9 47 F0 05 20 75 82 B0 F4 60
```

Make the following modifications to Jim Butterfield's MUSIC BOX program in The First Book Of KIM to play music on your on board speaker.

LOC	FROM	TO
20B	BF	0D
20C	8D	20
20D	43	A5
20E	17	89
219	00	60
24C	A7	06
255	27	08
270	42	02
271	17	A4

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The user's guide shipped with the AIM was hurriedly put together since it held up shipment of the hardware. To help others who may have an AIM 65, I'm passing along several items that I believe to be incorrect in the user's guide (October 1978 issue).

Page 2-19 A step is missing in the program entry for this example. Between the "AND #0F" and the "BRK" there should be a "STA #41".

Page 2-25 At the top of the page, the display register format should read: PC P A X Y S

Page 3-20 There is a problem with the form given for the (indirect),Y addressing mode. See the separate sheet that discusses that subject.

Page 3-23 Under using the K command:

1. Type K. AIM 65 will respond with:  
    <K>\*\*
2. Enter the starting address in hexadecimal. AIM 65 will respond with:  
    <K>\*=0300
3. Type return. AIM 65 will respond with: /
4. Specify the number of instructions.. ETC.

Page 9-11 The syn test pattern program has multiple errors in it. This is liable to have a lot of people wearing out VRL or spending a lot of time trouble-shooting an OK tape recorder. I have included a corrected program disassembled from the AIM 65 on a separate sheet.

Page 11-3 The Olivetti type no. 295933R35 thermal paper that is referred to can't be located in the Pittsburgh area using that number. In fact all of the Olivetti Dealers I talked to were unable to come up with any 2 1/2 inch wide paper at all. I have found that Texas Instruments #TP-27225 thermal paper is the right size and price (3 rolls for \$3.69) and is available anywhere that TI calculators are sold. I haven't tried the SEARS paper yet but the catalog at least says it exists. In a pinch, Radio Shack sells 3 smaller rolls for \$2.79 that will work also (Cat. No. 65-706).

Page A-1 There is a problem with the form given for the (indirect),Y addressing mode. See the separate sheet that discusses that subject.

Page K-10 The disassembly listing on this page and the next have been interchanged.

Hopefully these corrections will aid any other new AIM owners get acquainted with their machine.

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Corrected SYN test pattern program

END

```
/03
0300 20 JSR F21D
0303 20 JSR F24A
0306 4C JMP 0303
```

<K>\*=0310

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/11
0310 A2 LDX #00
0312 A9 LDA #CE
0314 20 JSR EF7B
0317 20 JSR EDEA
031A A2 LDX #00
031C A9 LDA #D9
031E 20 JSR EF7B
0321 20 JSR EE29
0324 C9 CMP #16
0326 F0 BEQ 0321
0328 D0 BNE 0310
```

CONTRADICTIONS & CONFUSION IN THE TABLES OF ADDRESSING MODE FORMATS FOR USE WITH THE AIM 65 MNEMONIC ENTRY MODE

On the AIM 65 Summary Card:

The operand format given for the (indirect),Y addressing mode is incorrect. Both the (HH,Y and the (HH,Y) formats, when entered, end up being decoded as an (indirect,X) opcode. Needless to say, this bombs a program badly!!

In the AIM 65 User's Guide on page A-1:

The same comments as above apply.

In the AIM 65 User's Guide on page 3-20:

One of the operand formats given for the (indirect),Y addressing mode is correct here. The (HH,Y works fine. The (HH,Y) format given here is no good as noted above.

SUMMARY:

The (HH)y operand format on page 3-20 is the only one given that runs properly. By experimentation, I have also found that (HH),Y also works and should be listed as the alternate for those who like it longer but correctly written.

I also noted that all three of the sources of information on the mnemonic instruction operand listed above have an addressing mode listed as (absolute indirect). I'm no expert on the 6502, but I know of no such addressing mode!!

(EDITORS NOTE: What about JUMP INDIRECT?)

## VIDEO & TVT-6

POLYMORPHICS VIDEO/KIM INTERFACE

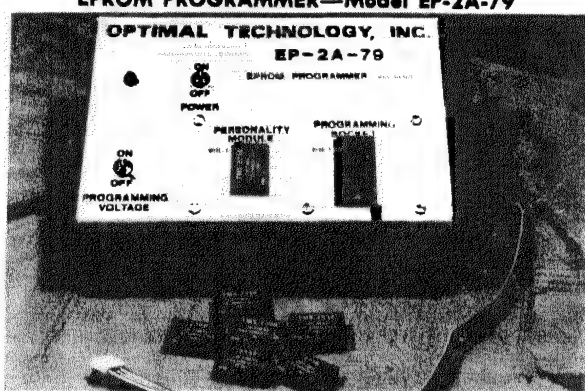
by Mike Firth  
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I am using a Polymorphics Video Interface with my KIM-1. My purpose here is to describe what I did to make it work (besides spend money), which was simpler (except for my mistakes) than I thought it would be. Some of what I have to say will be applicable to using an S100 memory board, since the VDM is memory mapped.

I selected the Polymorphics board because, at the time, it was the only display that would give me both upper and lower case (which I needed for editing) along with graphics. I felt for my purposes, graphics would be more useful than the reversed background offered on other S100 boards. (Besides I have worked on terminals with white background and the glare bothers me.) I also wanted to have the option of displaying control characters, which SWTC and other TVT's usually

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don't. I wanted software control.

The graphics on the Polymorphics board consists of using the lower six bits of the word to each control one small square fitted in three rows of two each that fill all the space taken by a letter. That means the graphics fit edge to edge. One letter character (111111) fills a portion of the block, like typing capitals on top of each other, thus ■.

One problem with the graphics is that some strange early decision decided that having bit 7 (most significant bit) set (=1) would be ASCII character, while unset (=0) would be graphics. One could add and remove the bit with software, but I am going to invert the data line to the video board so tests, et.al. are easier.

Any S100 board provides many control lines because of the way the 8080 accesses memory and I/O. The 8080 requires separate data in and data out buslines and also must allow for I/O Ports that are activated with address lines and an a PINT line. That also means that there has to be a control for memory read and another for memory write, which there is. Also, since the 8080 is an early device, really odd blips can appear on the address lines while the CPU is internally working, so there are timing restrictions.

We are fortunate because the address lines stay valid for the entire clock cycle and because the data lines are bi-directional. Since the video board has both in and out buffered, we can just tie the appropriate lines (eg. bit 7 in and bit 7 out) together.

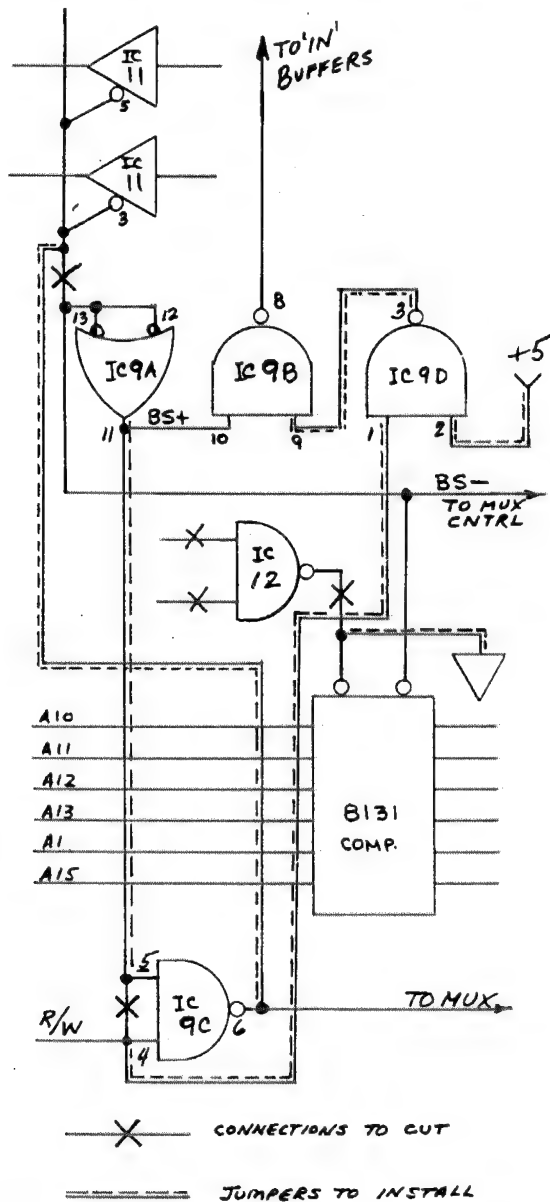
The RAM R/W line from the KIM turns out to be the only line we need to control the access to the video board. IF WE ARE WILLING TO ADD A COUPLE OF JUMPERS ON THE BOARD AND CUT TWO TRACES, we don't need any chips off the board. (What I am about to describe can be done off the board, sort of.) All of the changes take place in a one inch square area on the board.

We take advantage of an unused gate in IC9, a 74LS00, and we cut a trace to take advantage of another gate originally used as an inverter. The other trace to cut is the one that controls the data bus from the board to the computer. As wired, it is always connected, except during a write, when it goes tristate. By installing a jumper, it will be tristate except when the video board is actually addressed.

(Editors Note: The I.C. numbers and the pinout refer to an early model of Polymorphics VTI-64 Video Board. I have the Rev 'F' version and had to do some transposing of I.C. numbers and pinouts, but got everything working OK.)

As shown on the circuit, BS- goes low when the proper 1K of memory is addressed. This is inverted through IC9A, then is usually Nanded with 8080 memory write to control the data buffers into the board. We are going to replace MWR+.

We bring in the KIM RAM R/W line on pin 47 to IC9C as usual. But if this is all we did, the inverted signal would messup the video display EVERY TIME WE DID A WRITE OPERATION ANYPLACE. So, we cut the trace to pin 5 of IC9 and run a jumper from pin 11 to pin 5 of IC9 (aren't we intimate). This insures that pin 6 is low only during access to this block. We then install a jumper from IC9 pin 6 to IC8 pin 3, which controls the tristate (and is next to IC9).



MODS TO POLYMORPHIC VTI-64

Two more jumpers remain. One goes from pin 4 of IC9 to pin 1, carrying the RAM R/W signal to the unused gate in IC9 to use it as an inverter. The output of IC9D (pin 3) is jumpered to IC9B (pin 9) to replace the 8080 MWR+ mentioned earlier. Also, pin 2 of IC9 has to be jumpered to +5 (better practice) or to pin 1.

And that is that. Connect the video board to a monitor, plug everything in and wait. The Polymorphics manual suggests aid for the board. If you get a good stable display, write a program that will load a regularly varying bit pattern into successive locations. If the display shows the same character repeated 2 times, or four times, you probably have miswired something and lost a data line or two (I did, two lines were on the wrong pins on the S100 connector). If you can't access a part of the screen, or the program writes over some areas and doesn't touch others, then an address line is buggy. You should note that even if you only have 16 lines 32 characters long (512 characters), the video board takes up 1K of memory, since it is A5 that is ignored. This save rewriting some software if you add the other 32 later.

With KIM, you can use the monitor to load (and read) any location one-by-one. KIM accesses the memory periodically, which you will note as a line on the screen which disappears if you access elsewhere.

#### TVT-6 NOTES & RAM EXPANSION

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More TVT-6 stuff and another way to fill the lower 4K hole in KIM.

I read the letter in #13 re the TVT-6 and I thought I'd pass along some comments.

My cassette copy of the TVT-6 programs from PAIA were very corrupt. Obviously, they were keyed in, not checked, and recorded. Check the programs against the listings before running.

One listing error for the cursor routine: the contents of \$0185 should be \$03 rather than \$01.

Dennis Chaput's problems with the cursor routine not working can be traced to Don Lancaster's cryptic note at the end of the cursor program listing: "To protect page entry, load 00F3 04, to enable page entry, load 00F3 00".

This initializes the accumulator to 04 or 00 via KIM's monitor at run time and therefore Does Nothing!

Obviously, Lancaster meant to initialize 00F1 to 04 or "initialize the status byte to disable interrupts" to protect the page and initialize 00F1 to 00 or "enable interrupts" to access the cursor routine normally.

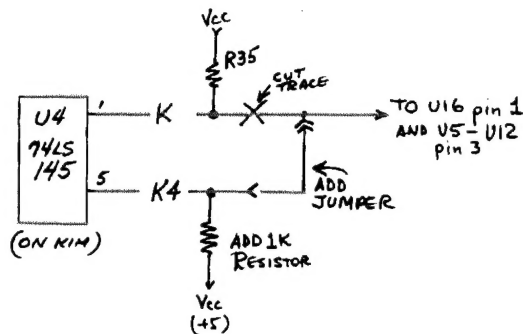
Also note that "Erase to end" and "Sparehook" comments are reversed in the cursor program commentary. ASCII 13 is "erase to end of line", ASCII 12 is "space".

If you're running Tiny Basic or the TVT-6 from low memory, you usually want to expand memory at low addresses rather than start all over again at 2000 hex and up. Most suggestions to squeeze 4K of RAM into the lowest memory space involves fancy bussing of individual chip selects to each 1K of RAM to be added. There's an easier way!

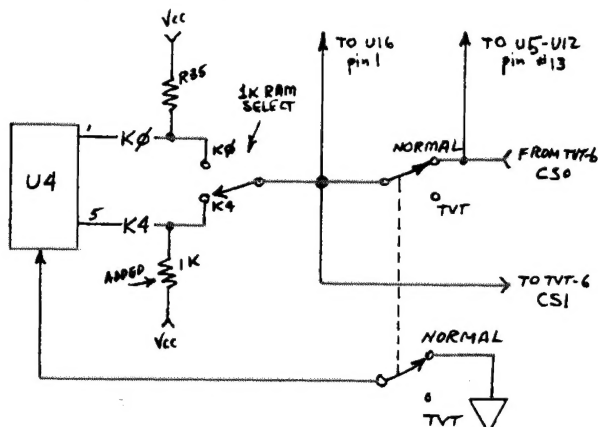
Set your commercially available 4K memory board to fill addresses 0000 hex to 0FFF hex and move KIM's 1K RAM to addresses 1000 hex to 13FF hex.

This gives 5K of contiguous RAM for use with Tiny Basic at 0200 hex or such.

The mod requires a jumper wire and one 1000 ohm resistor to be added.



Please note that "page zero" and the stack are now physically in the 4K RAM board which must be present for the monitor to function. Incorporating this mod to the mods for the TVT-6 gives something like this:



The SPDT switch selects whether the KIM 1K RAM is at 0000 hex to 03FF hex (with the 4K RAM removed!) or at 1000 hex to 13FF hex (with the 4K RAM present)

The DPDT switch is for normal use with the TVT-6 out of its socket.

The TVT-6 can be wired up to the 4K board as discussed by Michael Allen in #13 or can work out of KIM's 1K RAM at 1200 hex to 13FF hex. Patches are simple: The SCAN routines work is written: the cursor is changed by adding 10 hex to the contents of these locations: 0106, 010A, 016E, 0185, 01A0, 01C7, 01DC.

If you are using Tiny Basic, move the cursor routine to 1100 hex and Tiny Basic can have 1K for user programs from 0B00 hex to 10FF hex. Make sure to initialize Tiny's program space pointers to keep from overwriting your cursor program & display memory in a normal "cold start".

#### INTERFACING TO THE TVT-II

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The KIM-1 TTY input and output interface nicely and simply with the CT 1024 TV Typewriter II. However, discovering how to effect this was not easy. MOS Technology supplies no information in their otherwise very extensive literature.

I finally discovered, after 50 hours of searching for a problem in the serial interface and UART of the TVT II, that there is no parity bit, the 8th bit is a 1, and the polarity of the signal as it comes from the transistor interface of Rick Simpson (July User Notes Vol 1) is inverted with respect to the RS232 input requirements of the TVT II serial interface.

Therefore, users attempting to make this interface should use or beware of the following conditions:

1. Omit the inverter in Simpson's circuit.
2. Program the serial interface of the TVT II for NO parity, bit 8=1.

3. I used neither ground nor the -5 volt option on Simpson's circuit. (EDITORS NOTE: I didn't understand this one).
4. Lower the resistance of the RS232 input of the TVT serial interface by replacing R-19 (1K) with a 300 resistor.

Knowing the correct bit pattern and that the polarity from the KIM system is correct without inversion should make the interfacing task very simple for anyone wishing to use a TV typewriter as a terminal.

Gary and Lisa Rensberger (ages 14 and 16) have completed a machine language program for KIM that will work with either TVT II or TTY. They would be delighted to hear from users who would like a TIC-TAC-TOE game (700 bytes) in exchange for any other game (listing or KIM compatible tape).

## CASSETTE stuff

### MAKE A SHORT CASSETTE

Ted Beach - K4MKX  
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Regarding your search for C15 tapes, I gave up on that idea long ago. Instead, what I started to do originally was buy "cassette repair kits" sold by Lafayette Radio for about 69 cents each. These are tape housings with a leader from spool to spool. I then spliced in my required length of tape which I cut off of a good quality C60 tape. Radio Shack and Lafayette both have inexpensive (about \$4.00) cassette splicing machines.

That drill got a bit expensive, so I started buying "El Cheapo" drugstore tapes (three C30's for \$1.29) and discarding the tape from the housings. Works real neat. Now I record the desired number of programs or subroutines on my good C60 tape, run off another foot or so of tape, then clip the tape in the center of the middle opening (where the pressure pads are). Then I pull both ends of the tape out and splice the end coming from the takeup spool to the leader going to the supply spool of El Cheapo cassette (tape already discarded).

A pencil stuck in the hub of the supply spool will quickly rewind the tape into its new housing. At the end, cut the tape from the original leader, splice it onto the leader of the takeup spool of the new housing and reconnect the free end of the C60 tape to its takeup leader. You will eventually run out of takeup leader on your "good" tape, but what the heck - tape is cheap!

As an alternative, you can allow a foot or so of the beginning of the original tape to be used as a leader (mark it with a marker pen and don't start recording until this part is on the takeup spool). This way you can get maximum use from the good tape by sacrificing a foot of it to begin with. When you're through, you will have another empty cassette housing to use, with full length leaders.

### CASSETTE DIRECTORY PRINTOUT PROGRAM

Chris McCormack  
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This program is an expansion of the directory program, written by Jim Butterfield. The advantage of this program is that it will search a whole tape, and output the ID, starting address, and ending address of any program found. Because all of the branches are (EXC 0037) relative, the program is completely relocatable. Program start is at address 005F.

0000	D8	TOP	CLD
0001	A9 07		LDA #\$07
0003	8D 42 17		STA SBD
0006	20 41 1A	SYN	JSR RDBIT
0009	46 F9		LSR INH
000B	05 F9		ORA INH

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000D 85 F9          STA INH
000F C9 16          CMP #'SYN
0011 D0 F3          BNE SYN
0013 20 24 1A       JSR RDCHT
0016 C6 F9          DEC INH
0018 10 F5          BPL TST
001A C9 2A          CMP #'*
001C D0 F1          BNE TST
001E A2 FD          LDX # $FD
0020 20 F3 19       RD  JSR RDBYT
0023 95 FC          STA POINTH+1,X
0025 E8             INX
0026 30 F8          BMI RD
0028 A2 02          MORE LDX # $02
002A 20 24 1A       SECOND JSR RDCHT
002D C9 2F          CMP #'/'
002F F0 09          BEQ OUT
0031 CA             DEX
0032 D0 F6          BNE SECOND
0034 20 EA 19       JSR INCVEB
0037 4C 28 00       JMP MORE
          (NOTE: MUST BE CHANGED IF RELOCATED)
003A A5 F9          OUT  LDA INH
003C 20 3B 1E       JSR PRBTVT
003F 20 9E 1E       JSR OUTSP
0042 20 9E 1E       JSR OUTSP
0045 20 1E 1E       JSR PRTPNT
0048 18             CLC
0049 AD ED 17       LDA VEB+1
004C 65 FA          ADC POINTL
004E 85 FA          STA POINTL
0050 AD EE 17       LDA VEB+2
0053 65 FB          ADC POINTH
0055 85 FB          STA POINTH
0057 A9 2D          LDA #'-'
0059 20 A0 1E       JSR OUTCH
005C 20 1E 1E       JSR PRTPNT
005F 20 2F 1E       START JSR CRLF
0062 20 32 19       JSR INTVEB
0065 18             CLC
0066 90 98          BCC TOP

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## ZIPTAPE CASSETTE INTERFACE (a review)

Wanna be able to load BASIC in 13 seconds? That's right - 13 seconds for an 8K load (about 12 times faster than HYPERTAPE). (600 bytes/sec).

As you can tell, I'm pretty enthusiastic about the cassette interface from Lew Edwards. So far, this system has proved 100% reliable at 4800 baud. I use a Sankyo ST-50 cassette recorder.

This interface consists of a 2"x2" p.c. board using a single IC (needs 5 v. @ 10 ma.) and 346 bytes of driver software. It uses 3 bits (PA0, PA1, and PA2) of KIM's I/O, and from \$0200 to \$02A8 and \$0300 to \$03B2 of KIM's memory.

The documentation, which includes a full source listing of the driver software as well as a schematic of the hardware, comes with enough information to enable the user to get this system running on ANY 6502 system that has 3 bits of a 6530, 6532, 6520 or 6522 available for use.

This system can be operated at 2400 or 3600 baud if your recorder can't handle the full 4800 baud speed.

For \$26.50 you get an assembled interface board, a cassette of the software, and full documentation from Lew Edwards, 1451 Hamilton Ave., Trenton, N.J. 08629.

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## EDITORIAL (continued from inside the cover)

Things we'd like to know: What boards have you used successfully in the KIMSI? What mods did you have to perform to get other boards operational? Has anyone figured out a way of modifying the KIMSI so that the special I/O port of the memory map is moved down into KIMs' 4K "black hole" (\$0400 \$13FF)?

## MANUFACTURERS

Need some ideas for new products? The 44 pin KIMBUS is gaining in popularity now that Rockwell and Synertek have entered the marketplace with products intended to be used with the KIM-4. There's always room in the RAM board market, how 'bout a low-cost dynamic RAM board which can take advantage of the super low-cost 4116 which are being offered for the TRS-80 and APPLE machines. I've seen a set of eight going for as low as \$80.00. That's 16K!!! A good 64x16 or 80x24 video board is desperately needed.

How 'bout an EPROM board that can also program the 2708 or 2716. (At this point, the hobbyist is money ahead by sticking to the 2708, as low as \$5.00, unless he really needs the single voltage of the Intel 2716.) A combination serial/parallel board using the 6522 and maybe the new Synertek 6551 ACIA would be very popular (2P+2S?).

## BASIC INCOMPATIBILITY

Microsoft has written versions of BASIC to run on all major 6502 machines (KIM, APPLE, PET and OSI.) Although, for the most part, a program written for one machine can be run on another machine if they are typed in, a memory image cannot be transferred from one type of machine to another (PET to KIM, for example). The reason? First of all, when you type a BASIC program into your computer (with Microsoft BASIC, anyway) the program is compressed by changing BASIC commands into

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"tokens". For example, if you type in 100 PRINT "HI", BASIC would store two bytes for the address, and one byte for PRINT. "HI" would be stored without change. Using one byte "tokens" lets you get a larger BASIC program into smaller areas and could even help them run faster. Only one problem: Each different version of BASIC uses its own unique 'token' identifiers. (Does anyone know why this is so?)

The only way to transfer BASIC programs from one type of 6502 machine to another is to "LIST" the program out to the other computer. In other words, instead of listing the BASIC program to your printer, the output would be "vectored" to a new output routine which would talk to your object computer. The object computer would also be running BASIC and it would expect its "input" from the first computer instead of its own keyboard. Tricky, huh?

The PET, for example, is set up to list a program to a device on its IEEE bus so if I wanted to transfer some BASIC programs from the PET to the KIM, I would hook the KIM up to the PET's IEEE bus and "list" the program to the KIM. Don't forget, KIM needs to have BASIC running and modified so that its input comes from the IEEE bus so that its interface instead of the terminal.

Such a PET to KIM BASIC interface is on my list of projects so it may get done in my lifetime.

#### 32K RAM FOR AROUND \$200

Those of you that are running KIM-4, or compatible, motherboards will be happy to hear that I now have in my hot little hands an article on how to build a 32K dynamic RAM board using the 4116 devices which are being used to expand the APPLE computer. (You've seen them in all the mags for \$80 - \$100 per 16K.) The RAM card contains its own built-in, invisible refresh circuit and can be built on a 4.5x6 size Vector wire wrap card.

According to the author - "In eight months of constant use with a KIM-1 and KIM-4, no problems of any kind have been encountered with the unit. A second unit, built at the end of 1978, also works well."

Sorry, you'll have to wait for the next issue for this one.

## announcements and reviews

#### PRODUCT ANNOUNCEMENT

##### Tiny Editor/Assembler and Robot

If you only have 4K of expansion and want to assemble programs, (once you start assembling your programs, you'll never go back to hand assembly!) You may want more info on this tiny editor/assembler package. The flyer didn't mention what type of I/O device was supported or where the package was assembled to operate from, but the ROBOT language supports the TVT-6 and needs RAM expansion starting from \$0400 so the assembler requirements may be similar.

The single pass assembler overlays the editor in RAM and, except for the zero page references, seems to conform to the MOS definitions.

The price is \$23.00 for the user manual, commented source listing (\$20.00 without the cassette).

ROBOT is actually an interactive robot control language. The robot that is controlled is currently the cursor on the TVT-6 video board but it looks as if the user could modify this to con-

trol a "real" robot or a standard memory mapped video output device. ROBOT needs memory from \$0200-\$0540 and a TVT-6. I have this package and will be reassembling it to run on my system as soon as I get some time (fat chance!). This looks to be a very interesting package.

Several articles on an 8080 version have been published in Doctor Dobbs Journal.

ROBOT sells for \$8.00 and includes a user manual, commented source listing and a cassette (\$5.00 without the cassette). It's worth \$5.00 just to see how it works!

Contact Michael Allen, 6025 Kimbark, Chicago Ill 60637.

#### PRODUCT REVIEW of the HDE DISC SYSTEM by the editor

A number of you have asked for details about the HDE full size disc system.

The system is based around the SYKES 8" drive with the 6502 based intelligent controller.

This drive is soft sectored, IBM compatible, and single density which lets you store about a quarter megabyte of data on a disc.

The system software, called FODS (File Oriented Disc System), manages sequential files on the disc much the same way files are written on magnetic tape - one after another. When a file is deleted, from a sequentially managed file system, the space that the file occupied is not immediately reallocated, as in some disc operating systems. As it turns out, this can be an advantage as well as a disadvantage since deleted files on the FODS system can be recovered after the file has been deleted. (This has saved my sanity more than once!) Of course when you want to recover some of the disc space taken up by a number of these deleted files, you can simply re-pack or compress the disc and all the active files will be shifted down until there are no deleted files hanging around using up space.

FODS has this ability to repack a disc.

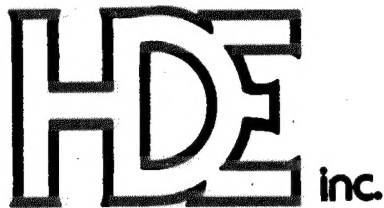
When saving and loading in FODS you work with named files, not track and sector data or I.D. bytes. This makes life alot easier. I've seen some disc systems where you have to specify track and sector info and/or I.D. bytes. What a pain that can be!

If you just want to save a source file temporarily, you can do that on what's known as "scratch-pads". There are two of these on a disc, "scratch-pade A" and "scratch-pad B", each of these temporary disc files can hold up to 16K or if "B" is not used, "A" can hold one file up to 32K in length. The only files that can be temporarily saved on scratch pad are files that have been built using the system text editor.

Being a dyed in the wool assembly language programmer, I really appreciate the FODS text editor! This line oriented editor is upwards compatible with the MOS/ARESCO editor but includes about everything you could aske for in a line editor. There is a full and semi-automatic line numbering feature, lines can be edited while they are being entered or recalled and edited later, strings can be located and substituted, the line numbers can be resequenced, the file size can be found, the hex address of a line can be known and comments can be appended to an assembly file after it has been found correct. Oops! I forgot to say lines can also be moved around and deleted. This isn't the complete list of FODS editor commands, just the ones that immediately come to mind.

Another very powerful feature of the system is the ability to actually execute a file containing a string of commands. For example, the newsletter mailing list is now being stored on disc. When I want to make labels, I would normally have to load each letter file and run the labels printing program. But with FODS, I can build up a "JOB" file of commands and execute it.





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